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SHOULD THIS BE AXED?

The hugely controversial Manhunt 2 video game is set to hit the shelves later this year - despite originally being banned and vehemently opposed by MP Julian Brazier. But game players say the Tory politician has misjudged the mood of the video console generation. What do you think? Email us at yourcanterbury@kosmedia.co.uk and let us know your views.

BY GARETH ARNOLD

VIDEO game fans have spoken out following Canterbury MP Julian Brazier's condemnation of the censor's decision to overturn the ban on a notoriously violent game.

Mr Brazier said the decision made by the Video Appeals Committee to release the blood-thirsty Manhunt 2 with an 18 certificate later this year was "senseless".

He hoped the game would be banned.

The Conservative MP said: "This shows once again that the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) and its appeals system do not meet the concerns of the public.

"The public wants a significant tightening up in this vital area."

Over-reaction

But Canterbury gamers have suggested Mr Brazier's comments could be an over-reaction to a product which is simply not intended for children.

Mark Sosbe, of Zealand Road, said: "I think a lot of the problems come from the people who criticise games not really understanding the medium. They think 'computer games are for children, therefore violent games are bad' which is just utterly incorrect.

"It's the same kind of attitude that looks at violent Japanese anime and thinks 'this is a cartoon, therefore it's for children, and therefore it shouldn't be violent'. It's a patronising view that completely ignores the age ratings.

"That said, I have played the original Manhunt all the way through and it's pretty bad; violent for the sake of being violent in places.

"I didn't really like it, not because of the violence, but simply because I thought they should have concentrated on making a good game rather

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BOXES: The Royal Marines Association sends shoe boxes of supplies to soldiers in Afghanistan

Knitters asked to soldier on for our troops abroad

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

IT'S KNITTING needles at the ready as Canterbury's Royal Marines Association appeals for volunteers to give soldiers' gifts a personal touch by knitting 2,000 woollen hats to send to Afghanistan.

Since 2006, the association has been sending an ever increasing number of shoe boxes packed with food, toiletries and messages of support to troops stationed in Afghanistan.

In 2008, organisers are looking to send more goodies than ever before, including more than 2,000 woollen hats, knitted by volunteers.

Welfare officer of the Canterbury branch Anne-Marie Taylor said: "This year I thought it would be nice to include a handmade personal item in the boxes, such as knitted hats."

"They are quick and easy to make and would be a morale booster as the soldiers would know that people had taken the time and effort to make them especially for them."

"I've had loads of letters from Afghanistan and one Royal Marine even took the time to phone me from Afghanistan and thank me in person, which was a real tear-jerker when you consider the conditions they are under."

The association is looking for volunteers to create the hats needed for the boxes, as well as anyone who can donate wool and other goods that can help fill them.

Mrs Taylor said: "Last year my house and garage were full to the brim with donations from all over the country. Shortbread from Scotland, crisps from Devon, hand wipes from Wales, toothpaste from Norfolk and tea from Yorkshire, to name but a few."

This year the Royal Engineers have allowed the volunteers to use a storage room at Brompton Barracks in Gillingham, so there is more room for donations.

As well as being a personal reminder of people back home, the hats will serve a practical purpose. The temperature in Afghanistan varies wildly at different times of year and the average temperature in Kabul is minus eight degrees, with recorded temperatures as low as minus 20.

Even in March it is often just above freezing. For camouflage purposes, the knitted hats must be made from dark wool, either dark green, navy, black or brown.

The Royal Marines Association also sends pallets of Cup-a-Soup to Afghanistan, and holds several fundraising events throughout the year.

To get involved email anne@annemarietaylor.force9.co.uk or call Anne-Marie on 01634 868704.

Is there any need for this gruesome game?

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than crowbarring in excessive violence in order to grab publicity and headlines."

Luke Blackett, a student at Canterbury College, said: "I've always sat on the fence on this debate. People, especially young children, will always mimic what they see on television, video games and real life, whether it's a wrestling stunt, jumping off your garage thinking you're a Power Ranger, or driving your car over a ramp at high speed."

"But is there really any need for having a playable character do quite gruesome things for the sake of entertainment?"

The game was initially banned by the BBFC in June last year; a report concluded: "Manhunt 2 is distinguishable from recent high-end video games by its unremitting bleakness and callousness of tone."

A revised version was also rejected, but the game's developer Rockstar – the company behind the controversial but consistently top-selling Grand Theft Auto games – appealed against the BBFC and won the right to have the decision reconsidered.

Mr Brazier's Private Members' Bill to give more control over the BBFC, and its appeals process, to Parliament was rejected at the end of last month

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Movie star's art work sells for thousands

A NUMBER of works of art painted by movie star Peter Cushing have made more than double the amount expected at auction.

The late star of movies as diverse as Dracula, Sherlock Holmes, Dr Who and Star Wars, had 25 hand-painted works go under the hammer at the Canterbury Auction Galleries.

In total they sold for more than £20,000. They had pre-sale estimates of around just £12,000.

Mr Cushing died at the Pilgrims Hospice in Canterbury in 1994.

Railway club's model day of fundraising

THE East Kent Model Railway Society stages another of its popular open days on Saturday.

Taking place at the Old Dairy in Castle Road, Whitstable, between 10am and 4pm, it is open to all, with club chiefs hoping it will help recruit new members and raise funds.

Entry is 70p, or 50p for children.

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Safety fears prompt beach hut objections

Kiteboarders claim holidaymakers are unaware of non-swimming areas

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

KITEBOARDERS have raised safety concerns following Canterbury council's decision to build 30 extra beach huts on a stretch of coast popular with water sports clubs.

The Water Recreation Users Group, WRUG, has formally objected to the plans which include adding two rows of huts on the Long Beach section of Whitstable's shoreline.

The organisation also objected to the initial beach hut project over concerns holidaymakers could be injured if they stray into the section of water designated for sports use. They fear further huts will exacerbate the problem.

Andrew Fisher of Transition Kiteboarding, which offers lessons to thrill-seekers, said: "When the original beach hut proposal was put in place I was very concerned about the impact on public safety given the high usage of Long Beach by recreational water sports users.

"At the time this was raised by Transition and the Sea Scouts with the harbour and the council health and safety guys.



Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

OBJECTION: More beach huts could spark dangers as swimmers stray into areas designated for watersports

"Last year I know of at least three occasions where people were nearly hit by craft because they were swimming in the non-swimming area. It was only because of the awareness of the people in charge of the craft that there were no injuries as a result.

"By rights they shouldn't be expecting people to be swimming in the designated non-swimming lane or even off of Long Beach but they are forced to out of recognition that people are endangering themselves."

Mr Fisher said it was often not locals who put themselves in danger, but out of town holiday makers who borrowed friends' beach huts for a short break.

He said: "It is well known amongst local users that the entire area is designated a no-swimming zone all the way down to The Street and increasingly we are seeing this disregarded due to the 'importing' of people not familiar with the area.

"Primarily the issues have been with families who have come into the area borrowing someone else's beach hut and not understanding the actual usage patterns of Long Beach for water sports."

The plans have been put off for now as harbour board members asked officers to explore alternative designs. These will be submitted at the next harbour board meeting.

Duo charged in cathedral alert

TWO men have been banned from entering Kent after being charged in relation to a protest made during the Archbishop of Canterbury's traditional Easter Sunday service.

Kyle Spotswood, 26, of Dagenham Road, Sheffield, and Sidney Cordle, 52, of Knowle Lane, Sheffield, were charged with a 'disturbance in church' following the incident in Canterbury Cathedral.

Dr Rowan Williams was forced to pause during his sermon when a protest over his comments on the adoption of Islamic Sharia law was made. Protesters held placards and stood in front of the pulpit before being removed.

Both have been charged under the 1860 Ecclesiastical Courts Jurisdiction Act. The maximum penalty for the charge, say Kent police, is two years imprisonment.

They have been bailed with the condition they do not return to Kent except to appear before Canterbury Magistrates Court on April 7.

In his speech, the Archbishop warned against the continuing greed for oil, power and territory.

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Julie Maddocks helps celebrate the Canterbury Tales' birthday

Police team to support minorities

A SPECIAL police unit aimed at helping people from minority groups in East Kent has been set up.

The team brings together detectives investigating crimes with community liaison officers who help support those from minority groups who report incidents.

For the police, minority groups include those involving gender, religion and beliefs, sexual orientation, race, disability and age.

Det Insp Tony Hubbard, who is leading the team, said: "The officers are not new to the work but we felt we would be able to provide a better service by bringing the liaison officers closer to the crime investigators."

The team will work across the Canterbury and Thanet areas.

The new team has been welcomed by Michael Bukht, the chair of the Canterbury and District Ethnic Minority Independent Council.

He said: "It should enhance the successful initiatives already in existence in the district to promote tolerance and goodwill."

The team are based at Herne Bay.

Event helps open up the property ladder to buyers

■ BY NICK AMES

STRUGGLING to get yourself on the property ladder? Then a special event on Saturday may help show you how to make that all important leap onto the first rung.

With rocketing house prices and fears some of the more flexible mortgage deals are set to be withdrawn by lenders, the Homebuy open day in Westgate Hall is designed to provide help and advice for those keen to snap up their first property.

Homebuy is a government-funded initiative to provide low cost, affordable homes and helps people who are employed with a household income of between £18,000 and £60,000, a council/housing association tenant, first time buyer or key worker, living or working in the Canterbury district, or unable to raise a large enough mortgage to buy a home.

The initiative offers several ways of helping potential homeowners buy a

property of their own, and the event will outline the options available.

Staff from the city council, Moat Housing Association and other registered social landlords will be there to provide help and advice.

There will be details of new-build properties on a part-rent, part-buy basis, and people can sign up to a register to be kept informed of future housing opportunities.

The Homebuy open day takes place on Saturday, March 30, in the Westgate Hall from 10am to 4pm.

The event is free of charge and no appointment is necessary. For more details, contact the council's housing policy and improvement officer, Emma Bartlett, on 01227 862112 or email emma.bartlett@canterbury.gov.uk.

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FOUR people including three children were rushed to hospital after a car smashed into an electricity substation.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the accident which happened at 3pm on Saturday, March 15.

A grey VW Passat car left the road and crashed into the block at the entrance to the electricity substation opposite the junction of Thornden Wood Road and Mole Hill Road on Thornden Wood Road near Herne Bay.

Witnesses should contact Sgt Paul Barrell on 01227 762055.

Homeless men to be charged with D&D

TWO homeless men will appear before magistrates on Friday charged with drunken behaviour.

Michael Poston-Wilson, 43, of no fixed address, was charged with being drunk and disorderly after being arrested in Sturry Road, Canterbury, on Friday, March 14. Mark Chambers, 23, of no fixed address was charged with being drunk and disorderly after being arrested in St George's Street the same night.

Both are due to appear in court on Friday, March 28.

French student was attacked in the city

A FRENCH student, 20, required stitches after he was attacked in Ulcombe Gardens in Canterbury.

He had driven over from France to visit a friend and met three men in a pub near Canterbury who he followed back into the city. When they stopped one of the men demanded money and punched the student when he said he did not have any. It took place around 12.10am on March 8.

The three then got back into their car and drove away. The car, possibly a Hyundai, was black with three doors.

Get your venue listed on council directory

A NEW directory listing the district's community halls is being set up to make it easier to hire the right venue.

Voluntary groups and parish councils can list village halls, community centres and other hireable sites free of charge.

The directory will be published as a paper copy, and will also be on the city council's website. Contact the council's Michelle Sinnock on 01227 862343 or email michelle.sinnock@canterbury.gov.uk, by Tuesday, April 1, to get your venue listed.

Web cook-a-long gives you the dish of the day

■ BY JULIE MADDOCKS

THE opportunity to cook alongside a top restaurant chef in your own home doesn't come along everyday of the week.

Well – now it does, thanks to a new series of features on our free broadband TV channel www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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We're blessed with an abundance of fresh

seafood here in Kent, with some of the best being hauled into quayside markets. One of these is based in the big shed on Whitstable quay, with the Crab & Winkle Restaurant directly above it.

Head chef at the restaurant is Ben Walton, whose passion for all things edible from the sea, comes from his training in a Relais & Chateau-listed seafood restaurant on the coast of Normandy, France.

This invaluable experience led him to work in some of the country's premier kitchens, and he now runs his own in Whitstable, but what made him choose this corner of Kent?

He explained: "It's a beautiful place. As a chef it's important to be close to the source of the product you're cooking."

"We get lovely fish here, and we're associated with the fish market downstairs. We can go down and see what the fishermen are bringing

in, we're a little bit spoilt on what we can lay our hands on."

So why is it that so many people are nervous of cooking this essential ingredient?

"They don't know what to do with it," says Ben, "to begin with we should always try and keep it simple."

"If you're worried about bones, get the fishmonger to fillet it properly for you."

So, is it really that difficult to cook?

Ben agreed to let me into his busy kitchen to try my hand at cooking one of the restaurant's headline dishes – pan-fried mackerel with a warm bacon and potato salad.

With a quick outline from Ben, the recipe seemed relatively straightforward.

But is there an essential tip he could help us with when making the meal at home?

"When cooking, try and err on the side of caution," Ben warned, "don't over cook it, there's nothing worse than dried-out fish."

Log-on to www.yourkenttv.co.uk to cook the dish for yourself.



...AND THIS IS HOW TO DO IT

If you want to try it for yourself, log onto www.yourkenttv.co.uk and cook-along with Ben Walton from the Crab & Winkle.

We will be visiting some of the leading restaurants in the county, guided through recipes, preparation and cooking of culinary delights.

The ingredients you need to cook-a-long with our very own Julie Maddocks are below. To find the clip search for 'Maddocks'.

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- 4 large mackerel fillets
- 100g bacon
- 300g new potatoes (cooked)
- 300g green leaf vegetables (eg. broccoli, cabbage)
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
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YOU CAN HELP: It is up to every single one of us to do our bit to protect the Earth for future generations

Join the Saturday night switch-off and help save our planet

MAJOR landmarks across the country will be plunged into darkness on Saturday as part of an international campaign to raise awareness of global warming.

Earth Hour strikes at 8pm on Saturday – and for one-hour businesses, historic sites, and homes will turn off non-essential lighting.

And this newspaper urges all our readers to show solidarity with the campaign and switch off their lighting for 60 minutes.

Created to take a stand against 'the greatest threat our planet has ever faced', Earth Hour will roll out across the world with a host of major cities committing to the campaign.

Driving awareness of Earth Hour locally is commercial radio station Invicta FM. It has transformed March into 'Green Month' with a series of special features to encourage people to alter their lifestyles.

Marketing manager Richard Roberts explained: "We want people to realise that by making slight changes to the way they live, they can make a real difference to protecting the environment."

"It's easy to do and it's the right thing to do. We know turning the lights off for an hour will not change the world, but it is a symbol-

■ BY NICK AMES

ic gesture to raise awareness of some key issues which effect us all."

Among those landmarks flicking the off-switch will be Canterbury Cathedral, Bluewater shopping complex, Gillingham FC's Priestfield stadium, the University of Kent, Strawberry Moons nightclub in Maidstone and the offices of KOS Media – publishers of this newspaper.

And it is hoped thousands of homes will join in too.

Added Mr Roberts: "Almost half of the UK's carbon dioxide emissions, the main greenhouse gas which causes climate change, actually come from the things we do every day. Things like leaving lights on unnecessarily or overfilling the kettle all waste energy and result in needless carbon dioxide emissions."

One of Invicta FM's stunts saw breakfast show co-host James Heming buy a £500 van and convert it to running on chip fat – provided by the county's fish 'n' chip shops. He took it on a tour of the county and then all the way to the capital of France – Paris.

• **Join in Earth Hour this Saturday – March 29 – by turning lights off from 8pm until 9pm.**

Watch DJ James head green drive

IF YOU missed seeing Invicta FM star James Heming cruising the county in his chip fat-powered yellow van – never fear, simply log-on to our free, broadband TV channel www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Before embarking on his trip to France as part of the station's Green Month, he called into the offices of this newspaper to let us know how we can change our lifestyles to help protect the environment.

To see the interview and the van in action, go to www.yourkenttv.co.uk and search for 'Invicta'.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

OAP, 91, victim of care home worker theft

CARE home worker Jamie Mullender gave into temptation and stole from a 91-year-old woman, a magistrates court heard last week.

Mullender, 18, took pensioner Eileen Bristol's post office cash card and helped himself to £100 from the nearest hole-in-the-wall machine.

He was spotted on CCTV at Littlebourne Post Office – a short distance from the care home where he worked.

When police caught up with him he admitted he found the card, with its PIN number next to it, in the 91-year-old's room at Littlebourne House Care Home.

Mullender, of Mill Field, Ash admitted stealing the card and fraudulently using it at Canterbury Magistrates Court. As he result he was sacked from his job.

Magistrates sentenced him to 200-hours community work, ordered to pay back the £100 and pay £60 costs.

Chairman of the bench, Jan Cannon, said: "Before you came to court you were a young man with a good name – now you have lost it."

Wild West theme down on the Seasalter ranch

COWBOYS and Indians will feel right at home at a free hoedown in Seasalter this week.

The Wild West themed occasion will feature a hog roast, line-dancing, a live performance from the band Cut Loose, and a fancy dress competition for the good, the bad and the ugly. There will also be activities and games for children and teenagers.

Staff from Canterbury council's community development team will also attend to answer questions about the new children's centre at Joy Lane School.

The event will take place at Lucerne Drive Neighbourhood Centre from 3pm to 6pm on Saturday, March 29.

Reading and writing push takes to the street

A SMALL stretch of Canterbury High Street will be transformed this weekend in a bid to get more people writing and reading.

Canterbury Laureate Patricia Debney will preside over the Word on the Street event, which will include storytelling, word games and poetry readings. The Whippersnapper Theatre Company will also perform live at the free event.

The event will take place on the steps of the Beane Institute, from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, March 29. It will mark the start of the 2008 National Year of Reading, and launch this year's Write Here programme.

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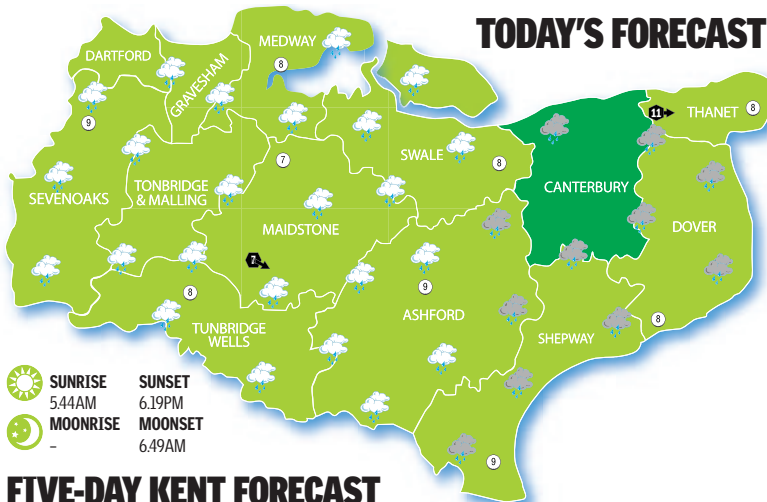
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Chatham	Saturday	3:46pm	5.5m
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	Sunday	2:30pm	5.7m
Dungeness	Saturday	2:09pm	6.8m
	Sunday	2:45pm	6.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	2:26pm	4.5m
	Sunday	3:00pm	4.3m
Sheerness	Saturday	3:36pm	5.3m
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Whitstable	Saturday	3:39pm	4.9m
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Cape Town	26°C	Tenerife	17°C
Cardiff	8°C	Tokyo	9°C
Gibraltar	17°C	Vancouver	10°C
Hong Kong	24°C	Warsaw	1°C
Las Palmas	18°C	Wellington	18°C



HEADING YOUR WAY: The Feeling are coming to Kent

Chart stars' Feeling for a secret concert

TOP band The Feeling have been confirmed as the latest big act to play in an intimate Kent venue as part of commercial radio station Invicta FM's Live at the Local series.

Although the location of the show - to be performed in front of just 200 people - is being kept a closely guarded secret, the best-selling band will appear on March 31.

Following in the footsteps of Jamie Cullum, Will Young, James Morrison and Natalie Imbruglia, The Feeling are the latest UK music stars to join forces with Kent's biggest radio station and perform an exclusive one-off concert.

It is expected that The Feeling will perform hits like Sewn, Fill My Little World, Never Be Lonely, I Love It When You Call and I Thought It Was Over.

Tickets will be available to competition winners of the Whitstable-based station.

The Feeling released their debut album Twelve Stops and Home in 2006 and it has sold more than 1.5 million copies around the world.

Their second album entitled Join With Us was released last month, with the first single I Thought It Was Over entering the UK charts at number 12 on downloads alone.

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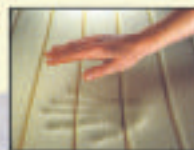


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QUESTION & ANSWER

PAINTON COWAN



Q How did you get involved in photographing stained glass?

A I was helping a friend do up a house in the Dordogne in the early 1970s and I used to go over from Newhaven to Dieppe and stop off at Chartres on the way down.

I'd always liked stained glass. I sing in a choir and play the organ so I feel very at home in churches, but there was this one time when I went in and found it quite overwhelming. From that moment I was hooked on it, and I travelled round France taking photos of glass, and then went and did the same thing in England.

I started researching it and people asked me to do talks about it. At one of these I was approached by publishers Thames and Hudson who asked whether I'd ever thought of doing a book. I said actually I had, but I'd never found anyone who would publish one. But they said they probably would.

Q There are several Kent churches mentioned in the book, with special attention paid to Canterbury Cathedral. Is this part of the country particularly rich in glass?

A Kent is very well off for stained glass and Canterbury is obviously the focus. A lot of it is based around Thomas Becket.

Selling has amazing glass which is in wonderful condition. There's a strange story involved with that. During the Reformation when the puritans were roaming the country

smashing all the windows, the people of Selling heard they were coming, and took the glass down and hid it. So when the puritan visitors arrived they didn't find anything.

They hid it in a cavity wall, but something went wrong, and they never put it back up again. So it remained in that wall for 250 years before it was discovered during some renovations to the church.

Q What are the major threats to stained glass?

A Medieval glass has had a harder time over the last 100 years than for the last few centuries, mainly due to pollution. Acid rain is particularly bad, as it darkens the glass terribly. Canterbury now has a protective outer layer – it looks like plastic but it's actually very tough glass. This keeps the rain off, as well as dirt and stones. People have always liked chucking stones at windows, especially kids.

Q Why was stained glass so popular during medieval times?

A The windows in Canterbury of Thomas Becket are almost like a cartoon strip, they are a visual aid for a time when people couldn't read and only monks had access to books. So the vicar would be giving a sermon and there would be a pictorial representation of what he was talking about in the walls.

Q How important is stained glass in terms of learning about our history?

A Stained glass tells us things about the Middle Ages that we can't find out anywhere else. Here are stories and depictions of Saints that simply aren't written down. One of the great challenges of glass is researching what these pictures mean and where these stories come from.

It's only since World War Two that the brilliance of many of these windows has been realised. Since then money has become available to have the glass cleaned, and before that many had become very dirty and difficult to make out.

Q What do you think of modern stained glass?

A There's lots of modern glass around, but this book looks just at medieval glass – we had to decide on a focus. Canterbury, in fact, has a great collection of modern glass.

There are a lot of glaziers around at the moment doing work for churches and mosques and architectural work for people's houses.

I've thought about getting some in my own house, or even of learning how to do it myself, but I never seem to get the time these days, even though I'm meant to be retired. I'm not really very artistic, I can't draw very well or anything. My artistic streak is more towards music strangely enough.

Q & A

Gareth Arnold talks to writer and photographer Painton Cowan, author of *English Stained Glass*, a photographic study of some of the finest windows in England, many of which just happen to be in Kent

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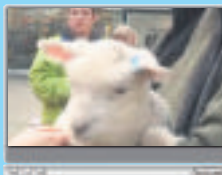
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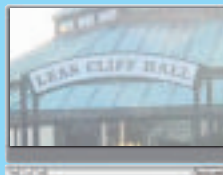
The Ether meets Canterbury musician Duncan Black and asks for his thoughts on the Kent music scene.



Discovering the launch site in France used to fire V1 missiles at London during World War Two.



Maidstone shoppers at Fremelin's Walk meet some real Easter rabbits and other animals.



More than 120 youngsters want to be part of this year's Community Theatre Project in Folkestone – the musical Annie.

EDITOR'S CHOICE

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Cheetah on the hunt in Kent countryside

BY NICK AMES

THE first cheetah to be allowed to run through the English countryside made its debut during the Easter weekend.

Nine-month-old Boumani – which means warrior in the language of its native Malawi – became the first big cat in the UK to demonstrate how these magnificent animals hunt in the wild.

The cheetah is the latest addition to the menagerie at Eagle Heights wild animal rescue centre just outside Eynsford on the North Downs.

The animal – native to the plains of Africa – is already attracting a following of fans, and wildlife experts hope he can be “an ambassador for his species”, raising awareness of the plight of these endangered animals.

Jonathan Ames has been training Boumani, who arrived in the UK from a zoo in Germany.

He said: “He came here six months ago and has been around people ever since. He is obviously not fully grown, but it is starting to develop muscles and speed.

“At the moment he is not as quick as he will be when an adult – cheetahs have been timed at being able to go from 0 to 70mph in just three seconds.

“Because of the quarantine laws this has been the first week we have allowed him to go outside – and he has really taken to the countryside.”

Boumani’s “best pal” since arriving in this country has been black Lakeland terrier dog Mr T, and they both continue to play together.

As they knock each other around the cheetah retracts his sharp claws as far as he can.

But outside it is a different story as the big cat – tethered to a harness and static line – hunts down his food via a pulley system which drags along rabbit carcasses at speed.

“We have tried to recreate the hunting situation as closely as possible,” said Jonathan. “So a winch system pulls along a dead rabbit and Boumani gives chase.

“This will be the way we will demonstrate to visitors how a cheetah chases – it is the only such display in the country and the next best thing to a



Pictures PAUL JEFFREY



SPEED: Like all cats, Boumani likes to get his tummy tickled

trip to Africa for those with an interest in wildlife.”

Visitors’ fees to Eagle Heights will also be contributing to cheetah charities which help to preserve the endangered species in its natural habitat.

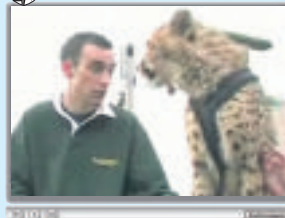
To see Boumani in action watch the video clip on www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Eagle Heights also has birds of prey, snakes and lizards, and its other new attraction is a porcupine from Africa, for visitors to marvel at.

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Watch Boumani the cheetah chase down its dinner

Have you fallen into a pothole?

HIGHWAYS bosses have urged the public to report any potholes they find to help them assess damaged caused to the county’s roads during winter.

Anyone who can help is asked to dial 08458 247 800 and report highway defects direct. Callers will then be given a call reference number, which will enable them to track their report.

The county’s repairs workforce of 56 highways staff fix about 40,000 potholes and damaged road edges each year.

But highways chiefs say they can’t be everywhere at once, and rely on the support of communities and residents to report potholes and other defects.

Kent Highway Services head of community operations Kim Hills said: “Here in Kent we have one of the largest road networks of any authority in the UK, with a high proportion of rural roads.

“Potholes can form quickly, particularly during the winter months when surface and ground water can be extensive.

“It is important the public inform us when they discover a pothole, so we can deal with it as effectively as possible.”

Minister will let you live longer

THE Government intends to raise life expectancy across Kent by 18 months.

Setting out a new health strategy, the Regional Minister for the South East, Jonathan Shaw, said addressing the inequalities between Kent’s districts would lead to a rise in life expectancy.

The strategy identifies that Kent is generally healthier than the rest of the country, but there are significant differences in life expectancy between districts.

Male life expectancy is lower and the early death rate due to cancer is higher in Thanet than in Canterbury, Dartford, Dover, Shepway and Swale.

Although the proportion of adults who smoke in Kent is low, the figure for Thanet is higher than the national average.

In Medway, the picture is grim.

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C diff victim's relative backs our campaign



BY JENNA PUDELEK

THE son-in-law of one of the 90 patients who died during super-bug outbreaks at hospitals in west Kent has since been campaigning tirelessly for improved hygiene and infection control.

Florrie Field, described by her family as a "very fit and active" 86-year-old, died from Clostridium difficile at Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells after she contracted the highly infectious diarrhoea bug in May 2006.

Tony Charlton wrote a number of letters to Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust's management and the local press, which anticipated many of the findings of the Healthcare Commission's damning report published last October.

Delighted

This week he welcomed KOS Media's campaign to involve the whole of Kent in improving hygiene and infection control in healthcare centres and hospitals, and at home and places of work across the county.

"I was delighted to see the campaign in the Your midweek newspapers. At last I am optimistic on the hospital front and there have



AWARENESS: Tony Charlton, with wife Brenda, campaigning to support the hospital clean-up in a bid to prevent spread of infections like C diff, which killed Florrie Field, 86 (pictured in her youth, right)

been tremendous strides there [at the trust]. "I have always said that the staff want to do the right thing, but needed the support and encouragement of management.

"There is obviously a long way to go to defeat these awful diseases, but the will is clearly now there.

"Now is the time to minimise these infections, because it isn't just a problem in hospitals.

"These infections are everywhere - they are just bound to hit the vulnerable in hospitals," he said.

Mr Charlton has been in regular contact with the Health Secretary Alan Johnson, who last week lent his backing to KOS Media's campaign, since meeting him at Maidstone Hospital in the wake of the health watchdog's report.

He said Mr Johnson's letters have always been open and frank, and that he has shown



a determination to beat the bugs not seen in his predecessors.

Mr Charlton, who lives in East Sussex with his wife Brenda, said the one thing he was concerned about was the prevalence of alcohol hand gel in hospitals.

While alcohol kills MRSA only soap and water removes C diff spores.

He believed the prominence of the gel lulled people into a false sense of security about hand hygiene.

"What will work is good general hygiene - frequent hand washing with soap and water, clean clothes and avoiding visiting a hospital patient if you feel under the weather yourself," he added.



THUMBS UP: New 512-bed Pembury Hospital

Final approval up for £227m new hospital

THE Government has finally given the go-ahead to a £227 million Private Finance Initiative hospital planned for west Kent.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust is celebrating after the Secretary of State for Health Alan Johnson gave final approval for the scheme in the House of Commons on Tuesday last week.

Mr Johnson was responding to a question from Tunbridge Wells' Conservative MP Greg Clark, who has been campaigning and lobbying Government over the need for the new hospital since he was elected in 2005.

World-class

Glenn Douglas, the trust's chief executive, said: "Pembury Hospital will set a new standard in NHS care.

"Local people have waited a long time for this fantastic news and we look forward to the day when the doors of this world-class building open in three years' time."

The 512-bed PFI hospital will be the first NHS acute hospital in the country to have all inpatient single rooms with en-suite facilities.

Mr Douglas was happy to announce that work was expected to start within weeks.

The state-of-the-art hospital will be seven storeys high and provide a full range of services, including planned and emergency surgery, orthopaedics, a woman and children's centre and day case theatres and outpatient services, the trust said.

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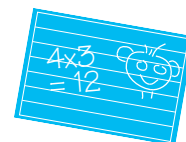
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IN PRINT: Author Stewart Ross with aspiring young writer Rumour Giles and the book her story has appeared in

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

AN ASPIRING author from Barton Court Grammar School has had her work published after winning a national writing competition.

Year 9 student Rumour Giles was one of just 12 winners out of 3,000 entries in the World Book Day short stories competition.

Her story was published earlier this month along with 11 others in a book compiled especially for World Book Day.

Local author Stewart Ross visited Barton Court earlier this month to present Rumour with a copy of the compilation at a special assembly.

Mr Ross was one of the judges whose job it was to pick the 12 winners from a shortlist of 60, whittled down by the compilations' editors, Evans, from the original 3,000 entrants.

School librarian Veronique Chantal Milot said: "Stewart gave a brief talk about the quality of the stories he received."

"This went very well with lots of cheering

and clapping from the students, it was a great way to celebrate Rumour's achievement."

"Each school was given one of six first lines. Ours was 'I opened my front door and then gasped, gazing into the house in total astonishment', written by Jacqueline Wilson, to start them off."

Mrs Milot entered a shortlist of ten short stories from Barton Court in the competition back in October, after reading more than 100 submitted to her by pupils.

World Book Day was designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and is marked in over 100 countries.

A spokesman said: "A main aim of World Book Day is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own."

The origins of the day celebrated in the UK and Ireland come from Catalonia, where roses and books were given as gifts to loved ones on St George's Day, a tradition started over 80 years ago.

For further information about World Book Day visit www.UNESCO.org.

BREAK TIME

Local produce helps David to win gold

TOP quality local ingredients and skill have won a Canterbury College student a prestigious catering prize.

David Kirkpatrick won three gold medals and one silver at the Hotel & Catering Show in Bournemouth. He was one of six students who entered from the college.

All the students had spent weeks practising and refining their dishes based around seasonal and local produce, and so pre-planning had been crucial to ensure the readiness of the ingredients.

The use of local suppliers and producers helps highlight the current trends in catering. David made particular use of the Goods Shed in Canterbury.



Girls think global in latest charity effort

A LESSON on global citizenship inspired caring Year 7 students at Simon Langton Girls' Grammar to raise nearly £2,000 for a leprosy charity.

The enterprising pupils learned about leprosy and how they could help in a special lesson at school, organised by assistant head of year, Karen Parsons.

They collected donations from friends and relatives and held a sponsored work-out to raise money.

Their efforts raised £1,870.38 for LEPRA, an organisation committed to the eradication of leprosy.

Mrs Parsons said: "Worthy of special mention are Ruth Allen, who raised the most money, £70, and Alice Colthurst who asked the most people for donations and has been a very hard-working ambassador for LEPRA."

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Car manufacturers, stop cats from being attacked

IF WE didn't have irritating TV adverts then we wouldn't need pet cats to kick across the living room to vent our annoyance when they pop up with such alarming regularity.

And if we didn't have cats to wallop in frustration at annoying jingles and advertising slogans, then we'd have a major mouse and rat population to wade through as we make our way down the garden path.

So perhaps, given that twisted logic, it's a good thing (although probably not if you're a cat) there are big brands prepared to fork out a small fortune to air such messages between our favourite programmes and set in motion a chain of events which keeps the vermin at bay.

I draw to your attention as a fine case in point the current ad for car manufacturer Ford. You know the one. Or least your feline friend will, as the bruises will testify.

For no good reason other than to be able to

justify the naff pay-off line 'beautifully arranged' it features a 21-strong orchestra playing instruments cunningly crafted out of bits of the new Ford Focus.

However, as the band plods through the theme music to a TV detective drama I cannot for the life of me remember, the only things it conjures to mind is a resounding, written in six-foot letters and decorated with bright, flashing neon lights, 'WHY?'.

Because not for one tiny second do I think 'oh, that's clever, I'd really like a car where I could detach the exhaust pipe and use it as a clarinet' nor do I think 'there's fun, a car with a bonnet which if I pulled it off and hung it up on my garage wall, I could use it as an enormous drum'. It doesn't happen.

Not for a second.

Instead, I just think there's a lot of car bits showcased here (have they just fallen off?), none of which I care about, and, if truth be told, even when they are in my car, doing whatever clever little processes they do to get me from A to B, I don't care then either.

All I want are some comfy seats, a CD player with the ability to go loud enough to drown out my top-of-my-voice singing along on the way home, and, if I'm being honest, a cup holder which actually holds drinks rather than spending the entire journey trying to spill the contents over the dashboard.

Simple.

In fact, even if you took every part of my non-Ford car to pieces and played my all-time favourite song on it, I would stand there looking bemused and looking for a spare part to whack the conductor over the head with. However faithful a reproduction of the song it proved to be.

So let's save the backsides of cats up and down the land (only joking there, RSPCA!) and return to car ads which highlight good things. Like that one of a car made out of cake. Now that made perfect sense. Ahem.

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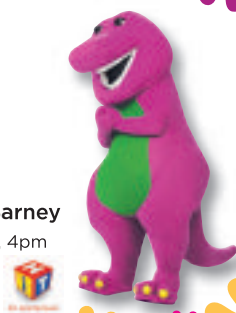
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THE 2008 Hard Rock Calling concerts in Hyde Park, London June 28 and 29 which are presented by Hard Rock International have announced this year's headline artists.

Returning to Hyde Park over a decade after his last headlining performance, the legendary Eric Clapton will headline (Saturday, June 28), and will be joined by special guests Sheryl Crow and John Mayer, with more acts to be announced shortly.

The Police, following their hugely successful world tour, are to headline on Sunday, June 29 with special guests KT Tunstall and Starsailor, again with more acts to be added to the bill.

Eric Clapton's career has endured for more than 40 years, resulting in 18 Grammy Awards and he has earned the distinct honour of being the only triple inductee into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Considered one of the world's finest guitarists, Clapton was a member of such seminal rock bands as Cream and Blind Faith as well as being highly recognised for his solo work. His recently released autobiography quickly became one of the best-selling rock memoirs of all time.

Over the course of her career, Sheryl Crow has collaborated with everyone from The Rolling Stones to Kid Rock to Willie Nelson. She has won countless awards (including nine Grammy Awards) and she has sold over 10 million albums worldwide. Sheryl continues writing new music and her latest album Detours (which is also her sixth studio record) came out on February 18. Detours is lyrically the most politically and personally outspoken record of her career, addressing the current state of the world from different perspectives as well as some of the personal challenges she's faced over the last few years.

During their time together The Police (Sting, Stewart Copeland and Andy Summers) had five

WIN tickets to Hard Rock Calling weekend

number one albums, a succession of top 10 singles, received six Grammy Awards and two Brits. The band reformed last year, playing their first live performances in the UK since 1983, to widespread critical acclaim. These sold out UK dates were part of The Police world tour.

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TALK TIME

MARK LAWSON

Dead Horse Morris member Mark Lawson tells us about the Whitstable-based side, which performs around Kent, and explains what Morris dancing is really about



What is Morris dancing?

Although dancing is the raison d'être, Morris is not just about dancing. It is about much more. We sing traditional songs and tell traditional stories. It's not this earnest BBC schools approach where you keep traditions alive because you should. We do it because we have a damn good time doing it.

People have this 'cucumber sandwiches on the village green' view of it, but it's not like that at all. People used to go where the Morris dancers were because they knew it would be a damn good party. Wherever there is a Morris dance there will be drinking, dancing and song.

We often dance locally twice a week, from Herne Bay to Sittingbourne and as far south as Bridge. Then at weekends we go further afield to festivals and other events. We've also danced abroad in several continental countries.

Why do you dress the way you do to dance?

We wear what harbour workers wore at the time, white shirts, waistcoats and neckerchiefs, and we are part of the Kent blackface tradition, which goes through North Kent to South London.

Why are you called the Dead Horse Morris?

For a number of reasons. When we first started out we practised in the Horsebridge area of town, and as it's a coastal town, we based several dances on sea shanties which work well if you change the timing. Another reason was that when we told friends and acquaintances we were starting a Morris side they said we were flogging a dead horse so you can take your pick.

YOUR LETTERS

House sparrows to be rehomed by uni

Nest boxes are to be set up across campus



Flying to rescue is lesson to us all

Well done, Christ Church University, for its efforts to protect our declining sparrow and starling populations (House sparrows to be rehomed by uni, Yourcanterbury March 19).

We should all look to do more to help out our feathered friends.

Kevin Trott
Wincheap

Uni invites former students to 50th do

The University of Leicester is celebrating its 50th anniversary of receiving its Royal Charter and becoming an independent university.

Events are taking place throughout the year, and April 26 is the date of Celebrate Leicester Day, the highlight of the 50th anniversary celebrations.

If you are a graduate of the University of Leicester, you are welcome to join us for this day of events and are also invited to attend the special alumni-only events during the day. There will be an Alumni Association AGM at 11.15am, a drinks reception at noon, followed by the vice-chancellor's address to alumni. Graduates are also able to reserve places at a two-course lunch at 12.30pm, giving them



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Karl Brown
Alumni relations officer
University of Leicester

Climate change calls for unity

Surely there must come a moment when the time for new green groups must end (Initiative makes transition to a rise in popularity, Yourcanterbury, March 19) and we all agree to simply embrace the challenges global warming presents and move forward as a unified force?

The environmental issues we all face should not become a fractured issue where different groups pursuing different agendas battle for headlines.

Perhaps Canterbury could lead the way by bringing everyone together and spark a pioneering push forward on green matters?

Sharon Farthing
Via email

Is shopping new Easter religion?

Can anyone explain to me where Bank Holiday Monday comes into the story of Jesus' demise?

Crucified on the Friday, back from the dead on Sunday and down the shops on the Monday?

Ian Mears
Via email

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Whitstable Town for pretty much ensuring their Ryman League status for next season.

Having watched them rise from the Kent League last year, and a poor first half of the season, it has been hugely gratifying to see them string together results over recent weeks which should – fingers crossed – ensure no swift return down the non-league pyramid.

Here's hoping next season sees them continue to build on their solid performances.

J Young
Whitstable

Kent will go to court if duo's return is blocked



Player problems are just not cricket

Kent Cricket Club is nothing if not consistent. Every year they sign overseas players, and every year they disappear off just when the county paying their wages needs them the most. Now it seems having secured the services of players signed through the rather dubious Kolpak method, they find themselves struggling to get them to play at all due to this new breakaway Indian Cricket League.

Would it not be a good idea to just foster more home-grown talent –

thus ensuring genuine team spirit and not creating such headaches for fans and administrators?

Robin Luther
Via email

Shopping for old England memories

Remember village shops? As with post offices, when England was a country those of us who lived here before World War Two would never have wanted to live anywhere else.

As it has altered and deteriorated so much, writing my book Half a Pound of Tuppenny Rice was both a delight yet heart-breaking.

Although the village shop in the town where I was born, on April 10, 1927, was in Yorkshire, characteristics of those happy haunts were the same throughout the land. Somewhere to pop in for a chat if feeling 'out of sorts' or put goods 'on tick' if hard up one week.

Everybody knew everyone else in the village, doors were left open without a qualm.

They may take our shops and post offices away from us, but they can't take our memories.

Hazel Wheeler
Canterbury

Get fruity and help to conquer cancer

I am writing to let your readers know that this year's Fruity Friday will be held on May 16 and to urge them to get involved.

The aim of Fruity Friday is to raise awareness about the link

between lifestyle and cancer risk and to raise funds for our vital research and education programmes.

But as well as being a really worthwhile cause, Fruity Friday is also lots of fun. Whether you want to organise your own "Beat the Banana!" fun run or hold a "guess how many berries" competition, there are lots of ways you can get to take part.

For children in particular, Fruity Friday is a great way of learning about healthy eating and physical activity.

You can find out more about the event and get a fundraising pack by phoning 020 7343 4205 or by visiting www.fruityfriday.org.

Teresa Nightingale
Head of fundraising
World Cancer Research Fund

Ex-cabbie's tax hell a warning to others



Tax man's double standards

The tax man is an unusual beast. He chases us using whatever methods he can to ensure every penny is accounted for, but when he makes an oversight – as in the case of the unfortunate man you reported on last week (Ex-cabbie's tax hell a warning to others, Yourcanterbury, March 19), he seems unable to recognise glaring errors.

Humphrey Livingstone
Bridge

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By Dickens! What an interesting life

Robert Powell shares an insight into famous author at The Trinity Theatre

ROBERT POWELL: A VICTORIAN CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 29

Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells



ONE of Britain's most respected actors will be celebrating another national treasure at The Trinity Theatre this weekend.

Robert Powell: A Victorian Celebration sees the acclaimed performer exploring the life and work of Charles Dickens, the creator of some of literature's most enduring characters. Through Dickens' letters and writings, along with those of his friends and contemporaries, Powell shines a light on the writer's fascinating life.

Recreating some of the most memorable scenes ever written, from the romantic to the macabre, the play is a funny and moving experience.

Dickens was born in Portsmouth in 1812, where his father worked as a clerk at the Royal Dockyard. The family moved to London and then Kent with his childhood in Chatham and Rochester inspiring much of his later work.

Award

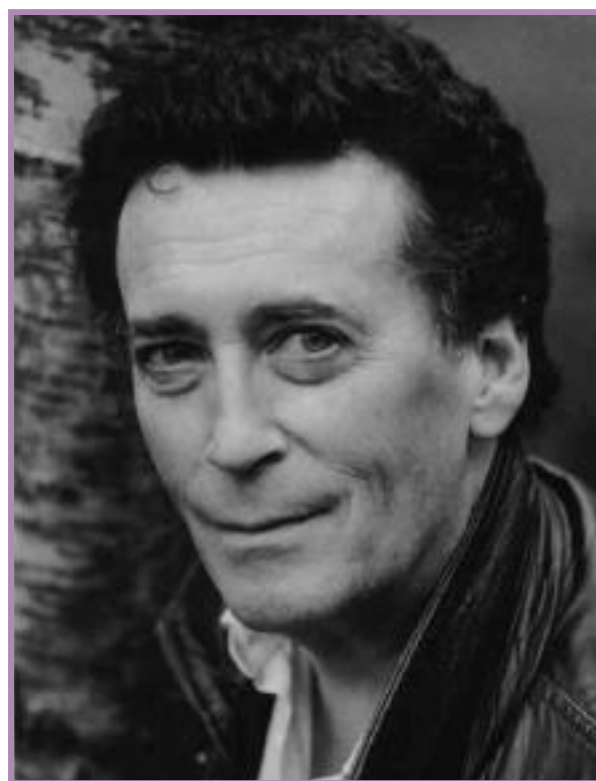
The lively and talented mimic was determined to build on his modest education, which ended at the age of 15, to eventually become a newspaper reporter. Dickens became a household name when his stories were published in instalments in newspapers and by the time he died in 1870, he had completed 14 novels.

Salford-born Robert Powell, 63, took up acting as an undergraduate at Manchester University. One of his earliest parts was as a driver in the original version of *The Italian Job*, but it was his role as scientist Toby Wren in the 1970 BBC series *Doomwatch* that was to make him a pin-up.

Powell followed this success with regular television roles and occasional film appearances, such as Mahler in 1974 and Ken Russell's *Tommy* the following year.

Perhaps the most iconic moment came with his BAFTA-nominated portrayal of Christ in the series *Jesus of Nazareth*. The cast also featured Sir Laurence Olivier, Christopher Plummer, Rod Steiger and James Mason, and Powell picked up the TV Times Best Actor award for his performance.

His leading role as Richard Hannay in the 1978 version of *The Thirty-Nine Steps* led to him reprising the part almost 10 years later in the TV series *Hannay*. Over the years he has won Best Actor awards at the Paris



and Venice Film Festivals and continued to enjoy a successful career in film, television and on the stage.

His distinctive voice has always been in demand for advertising campaigns, audio books and musical works. Earlier this year he acted as the Narrator in Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*.

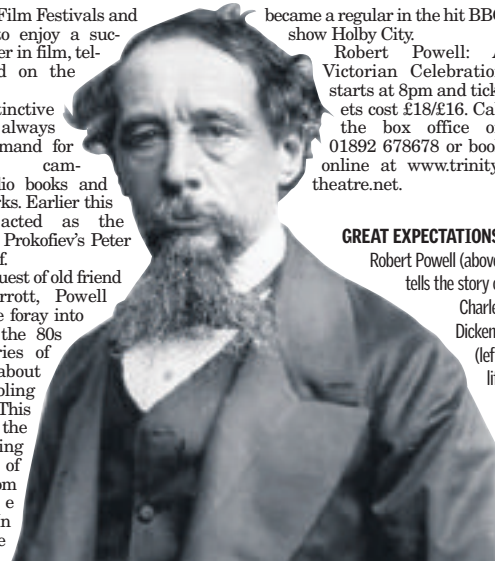
At the request of old friend Jasper Carrott, Powell made a rare foray into comedy in the 80s with a series of sketches about two bumbling policemen. This resulted in the pair filming five series of spin-off sitcom *The Detectives*. In 2005 he

became a regular in the hit BBC show *Holby City*.

Robert Powell: A Victorian Celebration starts at 8pm and tickets cost £18/£16. Call the box office on 01892 678678 or book online at www.trinity-theatre.net.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS:

Robert Powell (above) tells the story of Charles Dickens' (left) life



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Thursday, March 27
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This contemporary take on the tale of Moses' search for the Promised Land becomes a story about migration and identity.

Hundreds of local extras and non-professional actors from Thanet took part in the filming, alongside Bernard Hill as an opportunist politician and Daniel Percival as Moses.

Memorable scenes include the building and burning of Antony Gormley's Waste Man sculpture. Local people took part in a massive live event as part of the filming in September 2006.

The director hopes to be at the screening to talk about her film.

The screening starts at 6.50pm and tickets cost £6/£5 or £4 for members of the GulbCineClub. The film is for people aged 15 and over.



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Thursday, April 3
Orange Street Music Venue, Canterbury

DISCOVER an unusual act at Orange Street's Cocktails and Cabaret night next week.

Bourgeois and Maurice will be bringing their stunning brand of cabaret entertainment to Canterbury, acting as 'musical guides through the savage garden of pop culture'.

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Everyone who goes along to the evening will receive a free el Diablo - a South American tequila-based cocktail with a refreshing twist of lime.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £6/£4. The performance is one of the venue's regular Cocktails and Cabaret events hosted on Thursday nights.



For more information visit the website www.orangestreetmusic.com.

More information and music video clips of Bourgeois and Maurice can be found at www.myspace.com/bourgeoisandmaurice.

CANTERBURY LEISURE

The Sketch to draw a line at Beer Cart Arms

UP-AND-COMING local band The Sketch will be performing in Canterbury next week.

The band - which has been compared to Saves The Day, Jimmy Eat World and Weezer - will be appearing at The Beer Cart Arms in Beer Cart Lane on Thursday, April 3. The gig starts at 7pm.

For more information about the band, go online at www.myspace.com/thesketchmusic.

Duo to display lively collection of artwork

LIN and Lawrence Fletcher are exhibiting their artwork at the Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre in Whitstable.

Lin uses painting, textiles, glass and wood in her work, while Lawrence is displaying his lively acrylic works.

The exhibition opens today (March 26) and will finish on Tuesday (April 1).

Admission is free. For more information call 01227 281174 or visit the website at www.horsebridge-centre.org.uk.

A close-up view of the world of little monsters

EXPLORE the microscopic world of insects and other mini-beasts at Herne Bay Museum and Gallery's exhibition.

There will be amazing examples of this miniature universe from the museum's own collections.

The exhibition will run from Saturday (March 29) to May 3. Admission to the museum in William Street is free.

For more information call 01227 367368 or visit the website at www.canterbury-museums.co.uk.

Top tips for dreamy flower arrangements

PICK up some top tips for successful flower arranging at the next meeting of the Canterbury Flower Club.

Area demonstrator Gillian Poulain will be giving her interpretation of the theme Dream Time at the meeting on Monday (March 31).

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Tickets cost £3. For more information call 01227 456343 or visit the website at www.waterstones.com.

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Mysterious songwriter shares acoustic sounds

BY GARETH ARNOLD

DARK and eclectic singer songwriter Lupen Crook is featured on this week's *Ether* playing two acoustic tracks.

The *Ether* is the exclusive online showcase for the top local talent on our free, broadband TV site, www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

The idiosyncratic songwriter, who cultivates an air of mystery around his life and work, signed to Chatham-based record label Tap'n' Tin Records in 2005, the label which grew out of the popular Medway night-spot.

It released his latest album, *Iscariot The Ladder*, which prompted a great deal of interest in the music press. And it marks a significant departure from previous solo work.

Appearing as Lupen Crook And The Murderbirds, Crook's band add distorted guitar and rock drums to the mix on an album which, despite its obvious progression, has still garnered a great deal of praise.

And with a forthcoming mini-tour of New York booked for April, Crook is set to test how America will take his twisted, idiosyncratic approach to music.

The tunes combine folk and ska, and skiffle, as well as raucous gipsy folk and whiskey-soaked rockabilly, and often display huge dynamics reminiscent of The Pixies.

A Medway boy himself, Lupen Crook has long been a feature on the Kent music scene, playing in several local bands which gained moderate success.

Exploring grunge and rock psychedelia in Pet Burger and Bonsai Reservoir respectively, Lupen Crook And The Murderbirds are a very



IDIOSYNCRATIC SONGWRITER: Lupen Crook is about to embark on a New York tour plus a date in Canterbury

different proposition to Crook's previous work.

Often described as haunting, the songs can also be almost disturbingly intense. Crook's lyrics and themes are more often than not a morbid examination of life's darker details.

This fascination with the macabre has prompted tongue-in-cheek comparisons with Edgar Allen Poe, including the suggestion that hearing the band was like listening to Edgar Allen Poe fronting The Cramps.

Crook has admitted that this influence

comes from growing up in the mixed and sometimes violent crucible of the Medway towns, with its chequered history and varied literary connections.

Before they head to New York, Lupen Crook And The Murderbirds have a few dates in London, as well as a slot at the Lounge On The Farm Festival near Canterbury.

For more information about the band, visit www.myspace.com/lupencrook and watch the interview with Crook at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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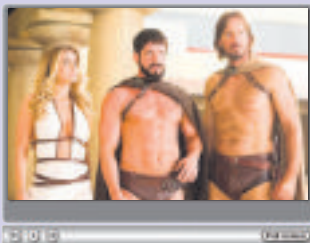
From the best-selling series of books comes The Spiderwick Chronicles. Peculiar things start to happen the moment the Grace family leave New York and move into the secluded old house owned by their great, great uncle Arthur Spiderwick. After a bit of exploring the fantastic truth of the Spiderwick estate is revealed.

LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (12A)



Lars is a shy young man in a small town who finally brings home the girl of his dreams to his brother and sister-in-law. The only problem is that she's not real - she's a blow-up doll. But sex is not what Lars has in mind, but a deep, meaningful relationship. His brother thinks he's nuts, but soon the entire town goes along with his delusions.

MEET THE SPARTANS (12A)



After successfully skewering Hollywood's scariest movie (as two of the writers on Scary Movie), romantic comedy franchises (Date Movie) and Hollywood blockbusters (Epic Movie), writers/directors/producers Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer now set their sights on 300. The heroic Leonidas, leads a ragtag group of 13 Spartans to defend their homeland against the invading Persians.

Why DiCaprio has gone green

BY ELLIE GENOWER

YOU'RE a Hollywood heart-throb with the world at your feet, a model on your arm and Oscar nominations in your bag. So what on Earth do you have to be worried about? Well, the Earth actually.

Titanic star Leonardo DiCaprio is turning his attention to ice that melts and insists this is not about jumping on any trendy bandwagon.

"This documentary is something that I have been trying to do for many years," he says. "Ever since I started environmental work, I've wanted to do a documentary that really encompasses every major environmental issue in the world and speaks to all the greatest experts."

And The 11th Hour certainly goes some way to achieving that, talking to scientist Stephen Hawking and former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev, as it explores man's impact on the planet, and more importantly, what we can do to change it.

Going green - changing, not only the way we live, but what we buy and how we entertain ourselves - has been of increasing concern to Leo, one of the documentary's producers, as well as its narrator.

"I was tired of watching news programmes and listening to environmentalists or scientists that have devoted their lives to an issue like global warming, having to sit there and get wrangled into some sort of argument about whether this is really happening or not," says the 33-year-old star.

"We wanted to make a homemade movie where we got the greatest minds possible all speaking uninterrupted without any corporate backing or studio involvement from the onset."

Documentary film in Hollywood is on the rise, with the success of Michael Moore films like Fahrenheit 911 and Sicko, and of course that of former president hopeful Al Gore, whose film

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An Inconvenient Truth hit the headlines two years ago - and had a profound impact on the already environmentally conscious Leo.

"There is tremendous capability in the world of documentary. If it weren't for An Inconvenient Truth and him having put the science of global warming and its impact on a global scale, a movie like this wouldn't be possible," he admits.

"This film has a broader spectrum in the sense that we talk about personal responsibility, and about the role of governments and corporations along with solutions as well. It really highlights the fact that we have solutions out there today that can reduce the human footprint by 90 per cent."

Leo confesses he became concerned about the world around him at a young age.



ECO-FRIENDLY: Leo DiCaprio, documentary producer

"I had a deep respect for nature, and I was a little biologist when I was younger," he says, smiling.

Nowadays he drives a hybrid car, has solar panels on his house, uses filtered water and buys organic produce. "I built my house green but that isn't necessarily feasible for everyone out there," he concedes.

His passion for the environment is obviously a big part of his life, but Leo insists he won't be joining Arnold Schwarzenegger in turning to politics: "I have no political aspirations whatsoever." However, he realises it's his star appeal which will entice people into cinemas to see a low budget movie about global warming.



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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM
More 4, 00.15am, Monday
THE BIG BANG THEORY
Channel Four, 10.30pm, Thursday

CRIMINALLY under-watched, insanely addictive and probably the funniest show on television right now is Larry David's *Curb Your Enthusiasm*.

Operating on the premise that seems to apply to my own life (that if something can go wrong then it probably will) our offensive, but lovable protagonist, lurches from one minor disaster to another each week, upsetting or confusing anyone he meets in the process.

No one in Los Angeles is safe. Family friends, doctors, lawyers, maître des and more often than not his own wife, Cheryl, all suffer at the hands of the hapless David, whose inability to keep his mouth shut at the crucial moment lands him in strife time and time again.

This is not easy watching. While the semi-autobiographical results are always hilarious they can also be embarrassing as hell.

If David Brent's famous dance in *The Office* made you watch from behind fingers over your eyes, then David's scrapes will make you want to re-occupy the womb.

But don't let that put you off. Hidden away on More 4, the show is 25 minutes of near perfection that is well worth seeking out. It's anyone's guess why this not been given a terrestrial run.

Showing that the Americans can also do comedy for the younger audience is another offering from Stateside, *The Big Bang Theory*.

Channel Four has long struggled to fill the family comedy shaped hole



ENTHUSIAST: Larry David, comedy gold

left by *Friends*, but with *TBBT* they may finally have nailed it.

This is a smart, snappily written little number ideal for whiling half an hour of your Thursday night.

The main thrust: A bunch of geeks trying to woo a teenage temptress who is way out of their league hardly pulls up any trees, but some of the characters here show real promise.

In particular, the supporting cast come into their own.

Sporting the worst haircut since Javier Bardem in *No Country For Old Men* is Simon Helberg as Hayley Woolowitz, the lovable, nine-language speaking supernerd who raises genuine belly laughs.

It's not quite there yet, but with a little time to flourish, this could cause a much bigger bang than expected.

If this one truly takes off expect Channel Four, in their infinite wisdom, to wield the stick of schedule change and hide this away on Freeview at a time we should all really be in bed.

See you at midnight.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

MORE money is heading your way, which is a welcome relief. Taking a stance against an immoral policy or person will put you in the path of romance. Nothing is more inspiring and confidence building than someone who is willing to stand up for their beliefs.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

NORMALLY, you're ultra practical, but this week you've got your sights set starward. Fortunately, it looks like you have a lot of supportive people to help you along the way. A generous authority figure could help you get a job interview or bring your work before the public.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU'RE about to undergo a powerful transformation. An old relationship could fall away, making room for new friends and associates. Life is like that, sometimes. The good thing about having more space in your life is that it will enable you to get closer to remaining friends.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

IF you're in the mood to gamble, Lady Luck is on your side. The best part of it is you won't have to risk much in order to yield handsome profits. Of course, this could all change if you insist on raising the stakes. News regarding a pregnancy or marriage comes as music to your ears.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOUR star power is undeniable. Do your best to get all the perks you can, as you'll be cycling into another phase next week. If you opt for a makeover and a change of style you should remember your natural beauty is most evident when you are spending time on the things you love.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

THE spotlight will be firmly trained on you this week. If you've ever thought about pursuing a career in the arts, this is the time to do it. Any work related to film, music, photography or the media in general will be good for you. Best of all, your fame could attract amorous attention.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

PUTTING your interests aside for the sake of someone else is probably the best move this week. Right now, a business or romantic partner needs you to relieve them of chores, listen to their fears and provide guidance. You may even be called upon to force this person away from work.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

IN the market for a new home? Step up your search this week. Approach a family member for a loan if you need one. Adding a lover, baby, or roommate to your household is a possibility. You'll feel an affinity for this new person. Going out won't be as important as it once was.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

LATELY, you've been so busy you haven't had time to think. Withdrawing from the crowd helps you to know your own heart better. The next time you have the urge to do something, don't ask friends for confirmation. A secret love affair affords a great deal of pleasure.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

OPPORTUNITIES for personal expansion are all around you now. The stars are beaming rays of support your way so if you're engaged in an official tussle, push to wrap it up before the week is over. If you have been considering adding to your skills then now is the time to do it.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU'RE being offered a wonderful opportunity to finish outstanding tasks. You'll feel so much better once you get these jobs out of the way. This is also a good time to attend to household chores. If you need help call on a sympathetic family member. They'll be happy to pitch in.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THIS could turn out to be one of the busiest weeks of the entire year. The phone won't stop ringing and your in-box will fill up pretty fast. It will take every ounce of strength to keep up with all of your work. Although you're sure to be tired, it is nice to know you are needed.

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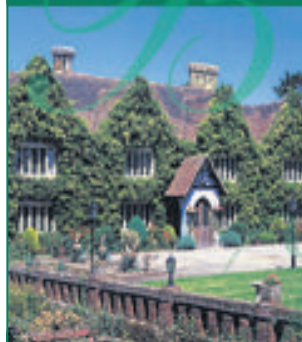
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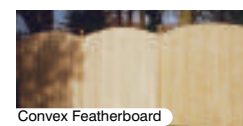
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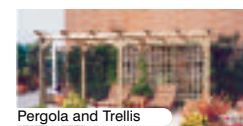
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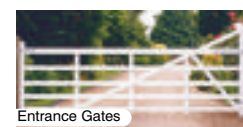
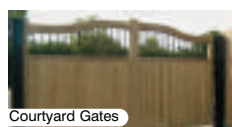
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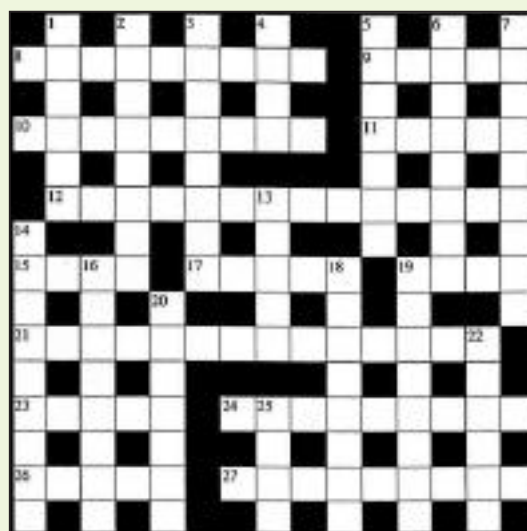
ACROSS

- 8 Star we're looking forward to seeing (9)
9 Some push erratically past escort (5)
10 Had learnt about central part of area (9)
11 Some British industrialists are Indian (5)
12 What non-batting side are doing beginning the campaign (6,35)
15 Film I left could touch people's feelings (4)
17 Strip for the king perhaps (5)
19 Pretty rough section for beginner (4)
21 Traditional place of worship in the east (8,6)
23 Let everyone approach town centre (5)
24 Indignant squadron-leader joined forces (7,2)
26 Lily had plenty going round university (5)
27 How one might have got into a sweat over something? (9)

DOWN

- 1 Take the plunge, the way to disrobe! (6)
2 Many a champion endlessly eager to become North American Indian (8)
3 Flying boat? (8)
4 Mum's getting in some beef perhaps (4)
5 Force someone to leave, set sail in small boat (4,3)
6 Court risk on railway (8)
7 Beast having its day on February 2nd in North America (9)
13 Message from Terry before ten, say (5)
14 I'm by piece of furniture that's fixed (9)
16 Liveliness displayed by five with sex-appeal from Italy maybe (8)
18 No more hears extra part to practise (8)
19 Handed over and went to bed (6,2)
20 Show hag removing refuse (7)
22 Where in Provence in ramshackle shed was given shelter (6)
25 United drew (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 8 Matching (9)
9 Waver (5)
10 Fiddler (9)
11 Idiot (5)
12 Tediously long time (5,2,7)
15 Ribbon (4)
17 With (3,2)
19 Fever (4)
21 Deciding beforehand (14)
23 Send money (5)
24 Deception (9)
26 Reception-room (5)
27 Relatives (anag.) (9)

DOWN

- 1 Writhe (6)
2 Speech (8)
3 Wined (8)
4 Burden (4)
5 Ringing (7)
6 Degree of projection (8)
7 Joker (9)
13 Entrance hall (5)
14 Late news (4-5)
16 Introduction (8)
18 Sovereign's daughter (8)
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20 Thawing (7)
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No28

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CRYPTIC SOLUTION No28

ACROSS: 1 Crossbar 6 Copeck 9 Marcia
10 Sometime 11 Under control 13 Plain
14 Defeatist 17 Agony aunt 19 Prole
21 At a later date 24 Herbaria 25 Treble
26 Escape 27 Abrasive. DOWN: 2 Roan
3 Seclusion 4 Brandy 5 Reserve 6
Composer 7 Petit 8 Common salt 12
Flightless 15 Terebene 16 Parterre 18
Nirvana 20 Latter 22 Libra 23 Slav.

QUICK SOLUTION No29

25 Heel.
Princess 19 Alleviate 20 Melting 22 Gurgling
13 Foyer 14 Stop-press 16 Preamble 18
4 Onus 5 Climbing 6 Overhang 7 Prankster
DOWN: 1 Squirm 2 Parhance 3 Finched
Runt 24 Chicane 25 Predetermining 25
17 Dry up 19 Aqueduct 26 Saloon 27 Versatile
11 Morn 12 Month of Sundays 15 Tape
ACROSS: 8 Equaling 9 Hover 10 Violinist

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Super-slick Shanghai

BY PAUL MCGURK

THE skyline is pure science fiction – glinting spires, brash neon, vast skyscrapers, monuments which look as if they are about to take off and advertising dominating whole sides of buildings, in blinding light.

It's hard not to think of Ridley Scott's cityscapes in *Blade Runner*. Sipping a cocktail on the top floor of a hotel and looking down upon the bright lights, you might think you're watching a movie. But it's real.

This is Shanghai; vibrant powerhouse of new China, dazzling, ultra-modern and super-slick. It's difficult to believe that much of what you see in the Pudong area was built within the last 20 years.

The jewel in the crown of the high-rise city is the Oriental Pearl Tower. Its 'moon-base' spheres and javelin spire were created back in 1994, and it's the most arresting sight – but by no means the only sight – in the city.

Everywhere are symbols of design ingenuity and daring, making Shanghai one of the most architecturally innovative cities in the world.

A flavour of this taste for the new and bold can be gained from a ride on the MagLev (or magnetically levitating) train, the first such commercial line in the world. Running from Pudong International Airport to the centre of



SKYLINE: Shanghai looks like pure science fiction

the city, it reaches a mind-boggling 431kmph (268mph), turning the scenery into a blur.

The Pudong area is filled with hotels from which to explore the city and one of the best is the Shangri-La. Boasting widescreen views of the Huangpu River from the elegant rooms, the hotel has a number of high-end leisure facilities under its own roof, such as the Yi Cafe, with its 10 chef stations.

A cruise down the Huangpu gives you the best of both worlds in Shanghai, taking in the lights and modernity of Pudong on the east side and the grandeur of The Bund district in the west. At night the city comes alive, its glaring lights best savoured before 10pm on the top deck of the boat.

The Bund features traditional architectural glories from a pre-revolution, colonial era. Although neglected in some cases, buildings are being restored to their former splendour and the interiors can be stunning, such as HSBC Bank's opulent marble-floored main chamber.

In and around The Bund are other insights into street-level Shanghai, from quaint bric-a-brac shops and open-air exercise apparatus in the streets (apparently, to keep the population healthy and out of hospitals), to the rows of laundry festooning beautiful facades.

With Expo 2010 bound for Shanghai following the Beijing Olympics this year, the city's evolution is set to continue. There is little doubt it is one of the fastest-growing, most exciting cities on Earth.

There is much to explore beyond the city too, if your visit is long enough. Barely 40 minutes away by high-speed train, the city of Suzhou on the lower reaches of the Yangtse River has two must-sees; the Suzhou Museum and The Humble Administrator's Garden.

The museum (www.szmuseum.com), designed by the renowned Ioh Ming Pei, has such large spaces and restful lines that its splendour comes close to eclipsing the art treasures within.

In The Humble Administrator's Garden, a project of local official Wang Xianchen in 1513, almost every view looks as if it could be framed on a wall. At dusk, walkways, ponds and greenery become almost ethereal – a garden of dreams.

FACT FILE: SHANGHAI

Time difference	UK time +8 hours
Currency	Yuan (approx 14 to £1)
Population	20.6m
Main airport	Pudong International
Language	Mandarin
Religion	Taoism/Buddhism
Climate	Humid/sub-tropical

Holiday details

Paul McGurk flew with Virgin (www.virginatlantic.com), which offers Heathrow-Shanghai returns from £571 including tax. Upper class returns featuring the Cowshed, a business class lounge with complimentary meals, drinks and spa treatments, cost around £3900.

Virgin Holidays offers five nights room-only at Shanghai Holiday Inn Vista from £749, based on two adults sharing during June. Book online for five per cent discount.

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Pudong Shangri-La rooms start at £180 per night, visit www.shangri-la.com

Huangpu River tours from various operators cost roughly £7.

The Shanghai-Suzhou train costs about £2 return.



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Outgoing, friendly, sociable woman, 27, seeks man to make her laugh and enjoy all that life has to offer. Box 897063

TAKE ME OUT
Fun, lively female, nearly 30, bored to be single, seeking someone to take me out and show me a good time, petite with dark hair. Box 895349

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Attractive female, 29, size 8-10, 5'8", long hair/eyes, enjoys gym, cinema, dancing, seeking honest, reliable male 27-38 with a GSOH, for friendship possible LTR. Box 410494

ARE YOU MR RIGHT?
Single mum, 30, 5ft2, short brown hair, petite, loves pubs, clubs, eating out, nights in, seeking Mr Right for friendship, maybe more. Box 437895

ALL IN GOOD TIME
Tall, black, pretty female, 31, new to the Chatham area, 5ft5, watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male 34-47 for LTR. Box 437778

LADY MADONNA
Single mum of 2, 31, great SOH, works full time, seeking male with GSOH, fun-loving and romantic for possible relationship. Box 438417

LOVELY BUBBLY
Hi I'm Cheryl, 31, 5ft3, blonde, size 10, have 2 girls, I like walking, the gym and socialising, seeking a similar male for potential partnership. Box 437744

CANTERBURY TALE
Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring, considerate, for friendship, LTR. Box 406670

HOPING FOR MORE
32yr old kind, warm female, 5'6", cuddly build, love walking my dog, nights in, evenings out, WLTW tall, honest, trustworthy male for friendship. Box 430093

R U THE 1?
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeking caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 430107

ROMANCE IS ALIVE
Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, enjoy time with my family/friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love, romance. Box 813530

THE GENTLE LADY
Easygoing female with GSOH, 36, enjoys many things - going out, staying in, seeking a nice, genuine guy for lots of love and laughter. Box 437913

TRUST MATTERS
Independent, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901771

SECOND THAT EMOTION
I'm an attractive, dark-haired female, 36, who enjoys cinema, coffee, theatre and socialising, seeking a fun, caring, considerate, romantic guy for a chat and more. Box 438807

NICE PERSONALITY
Large, bubbly lady, 37, 5'8", like country walks, seaside, bird watching, all music, looking for that special male for good times. Box 438619

PRETTY WOMAN WANTS HER RICHARD GERE
Hi I'm 37, 5ft8, mousey long hair, grey eyes, NS, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactile, NS gen, possibly romantic! Box 435674

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM LIFE?
36 year old female, divorced with no children, brunettes, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, car, social, seeking someone for dates and more. Rainham Box 434374

NEVER SAY NEVER
Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'8", likes cinema, eating, having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664

THE WIT TO WHO!
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NICE SMILE???
Single 36yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cuddly build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286

ROUND TWO
41yr old female, separated with 3 children, medium build, dark hair, seeking a male to share life with again who enjoys socialising, cinema, music and holidays! Box 437639

ACTIVE ANGEL
Hi, I'm a fun-loving woman early 40, 5'1", curvy, enjoys eating out and cooking, walking, looking for man for happiness. Box 894398

JOIN ME BABY
Fun-loving, vivacious woman, early 40s, enjoys dining out, walking, cinema, looking for a confident man with GSOH, NS for friendship, more. Box 868889

TAKE A CHANCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414561

BRING ME SUNSHINE
Easygoing, GSOH, outgoing easygoing friendly single Mum, not much time for fun, enjoys films, music, motorbikes, history, visiting places of interest, spiritual places. Box 835333

ON THE WINGS OF LOVE
Tall, outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat! Box 825990

YOUNG & YUMMY
Mum of two, 42, 5ft4, blonde hair, brown eyes, medium build, loves eating out, staying in, holidays, seeking male 37-45 with similar interests for love. Box 438349

STRIKE ME!
42, 5ft7, slim, down-to-earth, normal! love bowling, cinema, clubs, seeking a male 40-50 for friendship and more! Box 438349

FOREVER YOURS
Hi Caroline, 42, single mum, likes having fun, going out, wine bars, swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 430952

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE
Loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, NS, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814578

HEY BOYS
Attractive female, 49, 5ft3, long black hair, blue eyes, long legs, divorced, 3 teenage children, likes meals, cooking, cosy nights in, weekends away, call me! Box 438274

DON'T PASS ME BY
Genuine, caring, honest female, 41, 5'8", medium build, dark hair, blue-green eyes, NS, likes night in/out, cinema, seeks honest male, for lasting love. Maidstone area. Box 800308

READ ALL ABOUT IT
Petite, sociable woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTW NS man to share things with. Box 429682

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!
44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436910

NICE AND LOVING
44yr old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim-medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone Box 413448

NO GAME PLAYERS!
Fertile 46, seeks honest, warm, sincere, intelligent, and good-looking male with no hang-ups about kids for friendship, hoping for more. Box 156966

DON'T PASS ME BY
Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 829441

MADE FOR EACH OTHER
46yr old medium-build, brown hair, brown eyes, enjoys holidays, cinema/theatre, socialising, seeking similar male for lasting love and happiness. Box 438162

ON A PLATE
Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", enjoys dining out, walking, cinema, looking for a fun and friendly WLTW male for friendship. Box 895928

JOIN OUR TEAM
Outgoing football coach, 47, great SOH, loving and honest, common-speakin' but a nice person! 5 children, 7 grandchildren, seeking honest female for companionship. Box 435919

LOVE CANNOT BE BOUGHT
Happy, fit, youthful 48yr old single mum, OHAC, very good sense of humour. Likes all the normal social things. Very honest. Seeking sincere, stable, solvent man. Box 859295

ALL THAT I NEED
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 46, fun-loving, outgoing, NS, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out, staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833

READY TO START AGAIN
Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTW compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992

SHE'S THE ONE!
Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, enjoys clubs and dining out. Box 435998

DIG DEEPER
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55, Dover Box 435441

IT'S IN THE AIR
Lovely female, 49, divorced, 5ft, shoulder-length blonde hair, green eyes, size 16, likes dining out, staying in, walks in the country, seeking LTR with similar male. Box 437729

SIMILAR TASTES
Now to this, I'm a 49yr old woman, I like walks, theatre, meals out, WLTW genuine man for company. Box 437774

STOP THE SHAKES!
Hello, 49yr old female, 5ft3, blonde, nervous, outgoing, love music, socialising, simple things in life, seeking a male to look after and settle down with. Box 436633

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD
Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks someone and loving male between 40-50 for friendship. Box 399271

WHITSTABLE WONDERLAND- Hi, I'm Yvette, 50, separated, blonde hair/eyes, size 12, 5'2", likes cinema, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTW NS man to share things with. Box 429682

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!
Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTW fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10", to share life. Box 165367

BIG HEART
Now to the area, I'm female, 50, with blonde hair/eyes, 5ft7, Seeking nice, outgoing guy who likes meals out, travel, nights in, cinema. Box 437026

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE AGAIN
Hello, I'm 53, 5ft11, green eyes, greying hair, a widow, been hurt badly recently so looking for my soulmate. I enjoy walks, socialising and more. Box 437251

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...
Hello, I'm 53, 5ft11, brown eyes, grey hair, a widow, been hurt badly recently so looking for my soulmate. I enjoy walks, socialising and more. Box 436921

ARE WE SOULMATES?
53yr old bubbly lady, 6ft, likes meals out, staying in, looking for a caring man to share life's ups and downs. Box 435768

THE CHEEKY DEMON
Cheeky male, 28, blonde hair, blue eyes, tall, good-looking, laidback, seeking attractive lady for fun and perhaps more. Box 428275

R U OUT THERE?
Hi, I'm Mark, 32yrs, brown hair & eyes, muscular build, I'm easy-going, up for a laugh type of guy, looking for Mrs Right. Box 900019

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY
Attractive guy, 34, 5ft10, slim, brown hair/eyes, I work hard and I'm looking for a nice lady to spend time with. Rochester Box 426758

MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP?
Loving male, 33, 6ft, fair hair/blue eyes, slim, I like cinema, theatre, meals out, cosy nights in with a take away, keeping fit. Box 436921

GENUINE YOU SEEKS GENUINE GAL
Hello girls, I'm 34, a single dad, tall, stocky build, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theatre, seeking a genuine, nice lady for love and life. Box 437106

LONG LOVE
Kind, loving dad, 36, looking for company and maybe LTR. I love pubs and cinema, down-to-earth, love horses, Box 894796

PERHAPS WE SHOULD
Single male, 37, 6ft, medium build, interests include cycling, beach walks, meals, socialising, WLTW nice, similar lady for potential romance. Box 438359

REAL MAN
Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond hair, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTW like-minded, genuine, Sarah, please call to arrange, leave contact details! Box 430444

LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH
Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, love horses, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 424335

GET UP AND GO
Creative male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading, etc, seeks like-minded, attractive female, 26-35. Whiteable. Box 380976

R U A ME?
Down to earth and loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company & conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 714917

FANCY THIS
Jason, 38, 5ft8, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cycling, seeks genuine female for friendship and good times. Box 430332

MOVING ON
Hi I'm 38, 5ft8, medium-stocky build, 2 children, love bike-rides, swimming, walks, seeking female partner for fun, friendship, and to start new life with! Box 436381

COME MEET MY ROCKY
Independent male, 38, 5ft8, short brown hair, 6ft, seeking a female, 25-40 for romance. Box 435737

IN-OUT, IN-OUT, MOVE ALL ABOUT
Laidback, easygoing 40yr old, enjoys going out, staying in, and movies, seeking genuine, honest, trustworthy, loyal female of similar age for friendship and hopefully more. Box 437776

A SPARKLE
Hi I'm a down-to-earth male, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes, loves outdoors, sports, beach walks etc, WLTW an out-going female for good times. Box 899001

STRIKE THE RIGHT NOTE
53yr old outgoing 49yr old male with GSOH and outgoing nature, seeking a lovely like-minded lady for cuddles and snogs. Box 437535

IN YOUR EYES
Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421664

SOMEONE TO LOVE
Good-looking male, 47, VGSOH, medium build, varied interests, looking for friendship and love with honest, easy-going female with GSOH, kids not a problem. Box 894446

COUNTRY PLEASURES!
Thoughtful male, 48, 5'7", slim-medium build, short brown hair, looking for bubbly, outgoing lady to share romantic times together. Like wine/dining, country walks, cooking etc. Box 419208

LOTS OF LOVE 2 GIVE
Ordinary guy, 49, who likes the simple things in life. I smoke and don't drive. Looking for a partner to share things with. Box 901111

HEY GIRLS
Marilyn, 50, tall, well built, handsome, tactile, good humour, well mannered and well groomed, WLTW lady to share good times with, friendship and perhaps more. Box 438325

BIG HEART
Hard working, fit, nice guy, 51, 5ft6, I'm loyal and have a big heart. I have 2 dogs, and enjoy the cinema, cosy nights, eating out. Box 437829

WALK WITH ME
Country loving fellow, 51, a widower, medium build/height, and a GSOH, I love animals and have 1 dog. I like to relax and meals out. Box 427761

LOVE BIRD
54yr old female, very laidback and down-to-earth, medium build, love pets, DIY, 60s music, films, seeking like-minded female for LTR. Box 437351

ON GUARD
Gary, 55 years old, 6'3", large build, ex-dormant, solvent, looking for someone to love and to have fun times with. Box 900009

CHEER ME UP
Passionate, fun-loving male, 57, WLTW successful, good-looking female, 46-50, for nice times and romantic nights out. ELLIE from Medway leave number again, having trouble connecting! Box 405651

HYTHE & SEEK!
Slim, fit, fun-loving male, 63, 5ft10, NS, blue eyes, own business, home, squirrel etc, many interests, WLTW very fun-loving kind-hearted lady with GSOH. Box 901915

WORD FOR WORD
Easygoing, affectionate, Ashford man, 58, enjoys music, walking, socialising, in seeking an attractive lady, for genuine companionship. Box 422246

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Jackie, 58, 5ft6, blue eyes, fun-loving, down-to-earth, love horses, seeks like-minded female, 40-50, for friendship and more. Box 436328

SAVING ALL MY LOVE

Young, 51yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship. Love, affection/LTR. Box 920739

PUT SPARK INTO LIFE

Happy, contented solvent lady, 59, NS, living in the country near Hythe, seeks gentleman of similar disposition and means. Box 897822

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

Widowed woman, 61, no lies, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the Caspian female, 48, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sport, reading, WLTW someone in the Maidstone area. Box 434547

KEEPEE DANCIN'

Brunette lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first if a guy considers. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432466

DON'T PASS ME BY

Young 61 year old, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, happy-go-lucky, like dancing, walks, eating in/out. I'm very attractive, looking for LTR. Margate Box 434424

Women seeking women

ANIMAL MAGIC!

Cuddly, bisexual female, 46, blue eyes, very feminine, passionate Scorpio, loves music, animals, reading/writing, stars, very genuine, meals in/out, seeking boyish female who's loving/caring Box 435152

A NEW CHAPTER...

Young, 48, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sport, reading, WLTW someone in the Maidstone area. Box 434547

MAGGIE MAY

Maggie, sociable Sagittarius, buxom, 52-year-old brunette, like music, dancing, eating out, seeking like-minded, buxom female, 40-55. Box 435191

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BIRTHS

BAKER

Stacey and Bev are proud to announce the birth of their son Tyler on the 1st March 2008, weighing 8lb 7oz at Pembury Hospital. Brother to Chelsea and Chloey.

BOORMAN

Louie John Darryl Boorman born on 29th February 2008, weighing 9lb 10z. Son to Krista and Ben and brother to Darryl, in Ashford.

BOWBRICK

Florence Erica Bowbrick born on 26th February 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. Daughter to Nick and Laura Bowbrick, sister to Joe Bowbrick of Allington.

BROWN

Simon, Clare and William Brown are delighted to announce the birth of Lara Eve and Edward Harry on 12th February 2008.

BRIDGEMAN

Timothy and Gina of Stanford, have great pleasure in announcing the birth of their son Harrison Willis Bridgeman, born on 3rd February 2008, weighing 5lb 11oz.

CHATER

Zoe is proud to announce the birth of her beautiful baby son Harvey Dean Chater born on 20th February 2008 weighing 6lb 9oz. at 3.01pm. Welcome to the world xx.

CHENERY

Anne and Toby Chenery of West Malling celebrate the birth of their daughter Grace May Chenery on 27th February 2008.

COX

Helen and Darren Cox of Ditton celebrate the birth of their daughter Emily Grace Cox on 26th February 2008, weighing 6lb 11oz.

CRAWFORD

Annabel Jane born 2nd March 2008, weighing 8lbs 12oz. Daughter to Melissa and Adam Crawford of River Dover.

DAW

Rosie Louise born to proud parents David and Leanne on 4th March 2008 at 10.15pm, weighing 9lb 5oz.

DOWN

Kaylan Charlie Mohan born on 27th February 2008, weighing 5lbs 7oz, son to Hannah and Mohan in Rochester.

DRISCOLL

Amy May born on 2nd March 2008, weighing 6lb 10z. Daughter to Damien and Nicola in Margate. Our most precious and beautiful daughter.

FORREST

Ruby Louise born on 28th February 2008, weighing 7lb 8oz. Daughter to Jane and Ian Forrest and sister to Jack in Maidstone.

GARDINER

John and Lisa are delighted to announce the arrival of their baby son James William. He arrived on the 27th February 2008 at 3.30pm and weighed 8lb 4oz. Michael and Chloe are very excited to have such an adorable new brother.

HARRIS-BEALE

Coben Henry born on the 29th February 2008 weighing 6lb 12oz. Son to Leanne and Tony of Tunbridge Wells. One way of saying how much your loved by all the friends and family

HAYWARD

Zara Imogen born on 2nd March 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital, weighing 6lb 13oz. Daughter to Julie and Graham of Park Farm Ashford.

HITCHELL

Richard and Gayle Hitchell of Tunbridge Wells are proud to announce the birth of their first daughter Emily Rose born 3rd March 2008 weighing 7lb 11oz.

HOWE

Lucy Alicia born on 3rd March 2008 weighing 7lb 14oz. A Daughter to Richard Howe and Emma Noakes of Lydd.

HOWLAND

Ben and Rachel of Canterbury are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ashton Robert Howland, on 6th March 2008. A new baby brother for Kira.

HUNSDON

Ellora Stacey Ann born on 6th March 2008, weighing 9lb 10z. Daughter to Chris and Cathy in Ramsgate. Welcome sister to Tommy.

KEELEY

William Benjamin Dixon Keeley born on 1st March 2008, weighing 7lb 5oz. Son to Annie and Ben Keeley of Maidstone.

KELLY

Brooke Kelly born on 5th March 2008, weighing 9lb 5oz. Daughter to Stephen Kelly and Hayley Stewart in Maidstone.

LUFF

Harry and Gemma of Tonbridge are delighted to announce the birth of their son Alfie Harry Luff born 3rd March 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 5lb 13oz.

MCDONALD

Olivia Kelly born on 10th March 2008, weighing 7lbs.11oz. Daughter to Derek and Dawn in Margate. Special sister for Emily.

MULLENDER

Malcolm and Anne of Dunkirk are delighted to announce the birth of their son, James Edward, on 1st March 2008 at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford. A new baby brother for Thomas and Emily.

OCKENDEN-CHEESMAN

Andrew and Sarah are pleased to announce the birth of their son Olly Sydney Benjamin born on 20th February 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital, weighing 6lbs 2oz. A brother for Joshua.

PADLEY

Andrew and Lisa Padley are delighted to announce the Birth of their Beautiful Daughter Ruby born 5th March 2008. A little sister for Rebecca.

PARSONS

Riley Stephen born to very proud parents Lee and Kim, a little brother to Rhys. He arrived on 3rd March 2008, weighing 7lb 10z.

PARTRIDGE

Phoebe Heather born on 15th February 2008 weighing 9lb 14oz. Daughter to Neil and Tracy Partridge. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

PETTIT

Tanya and Francis are delighted to announce the birth of their son Mikey Valentino, born on 14th February 2008 at QEQM. Brother to Frankie.

RAISTRICK

David and Rachel Raistrick of Tunbridge Wells are delighted to announce the arrival of their baby daughter Emily Wendy Louise born 24th February 2008 weighing 7lb 10oz.

ROBERTSON

Stuart and Joanna Robertson of Tunbridge Wells are proud to announce the birth of their son Matthew William Robertson born 26th February 2008 weighing 6lb 4oz.

SAVOV

Faith Savov born on 7th March 2008, weighing 7lbs 13oz. Daughter to Marina and Galin Savov in Marden, Tonbridge.

SEAL

James and Laura Seal of Cranbrook proudly announce the birth of their son Andy James Fred Seal born 11th February 2008 weighing 3lb 11oz - our little fighter and a lovely brother for Kerry.

SMITH

Shannon Jessica born on 29th February 2008, weighing 9lbs 9oz. Daughter to Sarah and Liam in Ramsgate. Welcome sister to Caitlin.

SMITH

Elliot and Tracey of Herne Bay are proud to announce the birth of their son Henry Michael, born 7th February 2008.

STEWART

Katie Ellen born to proud parents Leslie and Deborah on 27th February 2008, weighing 6lb 10oz. Little sister to Steven and George.

STRINGER

Mark and Samantha of Blean, Canterbury are very proud to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter, born on 5th March 2008 at 10.58pm weighing 7lb 8oz.

TAYLOR

Mike and Chantal of Whitstable are proud to announce the safe arrival of their first son Warren Michael.

TROOPE

To Brendan and Amanda of Canterbury a beautiful daughter, Rachel Elizabeth Troope, born on 20th February 2008. A new baby sister for Liam.

URQUHART-SELL

Peter and Caroline celebrate the birth of their daughter Eiley Marie, born on 7th March 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital, weighing 9lb 12oz. A sister for Jai.

WALDRON

To Robert and Amy of Herne Bay a beautiful son, Freddie Ray, born on 28th February 2008 at Margate hospital.

WALKER

Chris and Kirsty of Hildenborough proudly announce the birth of their son Riley William Walker born 19th February 2008 weighing 7lb 3oz.

WATTS

Layla Nicole born on 29th February 2008 at QEQM, weighing 7lb 5oz. Daughter to Alana and Kevin Watts of Dover.

WOODLAND

Becky and Woody of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Brooke Olivia on 3rd March 2008. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

WRIGHT

Michael and Louise are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Abigail Eva Gracie born on 11th February 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital, weighing 8lbs 3oz. A Sister for Jack, Aaisha and Caylann.

DEATHS

BOTH

Ronald Albert Both of Gravesend passed away peacefully after a short illness on 7th March 2008. Service to be held at Church of the Holy Family on 19th March 2008 at 10.30. Enquiries to Morris and Partners Gravesend. Sadly missed by all.

BUSH

Raymond Aubrey of Hythe Kent, (former Ashford G.P.), passed away peacefully on 8th March 2008 just before his 90th birthday, after a short illness. Will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

CANE

Ivy Cane of The Grove Residential Home in Maidstone, formerly of Woodlands in Biddenden, died peacefully on 9th March 2008, aged 93. All enquiries to Sears Funeral Service on 01622 725035.

COSSEY

Ann Cossey, passed away peacefully at QEQM Hospital Margate on Tuesday 11 March 2008. She will be sadly missed by all the family and her many friends. Remembrance Service to be held at St. Peters Parish Church, St. Peters, on Wednesday 19 March at 1.30pm. Followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations to Great Ormond Street Hospital Childrens Charity c/o Blackburn's Funeral Service Broadstairs tel 01843 862897.

DEEN

Sheila Elizabeth Nina Teresa Deen of Canterbury passed away peacefully after a brave battle with cancer. A beloved mum to Annette, Gary, Roger Phil and Tim. A much loved Nan to all her many grandchildren, also Peter. She will be very sadly missed by all who knew her. The funeral was held on 13th March at Barham Crematorium. If desired any donations to Cancer Research.

HAWARD

Daisy Haward of Maidstone died peacefully on 3rd of March 2008, Funeral Service at Maidstone Crematorium at 1.15pm on Tuesday 18th March 2008.

HEARNE

Heather Eileen Hearne died Saturday 8th March at Kent and Canterbury Hospital after a short illness. Much missed by her husband and loved ones. Cremation at Barham on 27th March at 12.40. Thanks giving at the Baptist Church Middle Wall Whitstable at 2.30pm.

HULL

Pansy Hull nee Kemp passed away peacefully on the 8th March 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital and will be sadly missed by her family and friends. service to be held at Gravesend salvation Army Citadel 10.30am Tuesday 25th March 2008 followed by cremation at Medway Crematorium at 11.40am. Family flowers only please donations if desired to the Salvation Army c/o Morris and Partners Ltd of Windmill Street Gravesend who will also deal with any enquiries.

HUTCHINGS

Les Hutchings died peacefully at Ashley Down Nursing Home on 4th March 2008. Funeral at Eltham Crematorium Wednesday 26th March at 10.45am. All family and friends welcome. Flowers or donations to Stroke Association. Thank you for your kind words of sympathy Michael Peter Linda and David.

O'CONNOR

William O Connor passed away on 3rd March 2008. Funeral service to be held in St Johns in Hildenborough at 2pm on Tuesday 25th March 2008.

PARRY

Irene Parry of Eastry, formerly of Rochester passed away peacefully at home with her family after a long illness on 11th March 2008, aged 60 years.

REDMAN

Kathleen Mary Redman of Staplehurst, formerly of Goudhurst, passed away peacefully on 3rd March 2008, aged 81. All enquiries to K B Sills Funeral Directors of Cranbrook on 01580 712284.

RICHARDS

Jeanetta Richards of Maidstone, formerly of Bradford West Yorkshire, passed away peacefully after short illness on 9th March 2008, aged 74. Funeral service to be held in Vinters Park Crematorium at 1.15pm on 25th March 2008.

SHRUBSOLE

Gladys Irene Shrubsole of Maidstone passed away peacefully after a long illness on 4th March 2008, aged 87.

SLADDEN

Doug passed away at Kent and Canterbury Hospital 8th March 2008 Please contact Beltinge and District Undertakers Beltinge Herne Bay Kent for funeral details.

STICKELLS

Tony Stickells 26/12/1951 - 29/02/2008. Passed away suddenly at home. Deeply missed but still in our hearts. Miss you Bruv Arthur and David. Service and Funeral to take place at The Chapel Gravesend Cemetery 18th March at 1pm.

TILLYER

Joseph George Tillyer passed away at Whitstable and Tankerton Hospital on 7th March 2008 after a short illness.

WILLIAMS

Jeffrey Williams of Maidstone died on 10th March 2008. Funeral service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 11am on Wednesday 19th March.

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PROPERTY NEWS

White stuff attracts buyers overseas

INVESTORS in overseas property are now turning to the snow rather than the sea when it comes to desirable locations.

The Alps are becoming increasingly popular at the expense of Mediterranean hotspots which traditionally dominated the market for UK buyers abroad.

France, Italy and Austria all saw strong increases in interest, while Canada was also proving popular among those looking for property abroad. The latest HiFX Global Property Hotspots report, which covers the period from January to March this year, also shows interest in summer destinations such as Spain and Cyprus is waning.

"The French Alps are still top for Brits seeking a place in the snow, with France accounting for 26 per cent of all inquiries due to its close proximity and cheap airlines," explained Mark Bodega, director of HiFX.

He added that prices are higher in well established resorts such as Meribel, Courchevel and Chamonix – but the rental yields for landlords also remain consistently high in these areas.

Feeling safe at home can prove priceless

HOMEOWNERS have spent a staggering £27 billion on security systems in the last five years in an attempt to feel secure following a break-in.

The figure was revealed by a survey commissioned by Intamac Systems, which examined the costs of burglary to families.

While many said they would consider the chief burden to be the financial outlay after a violation of their home, the emotional cost can be just as severe according to the experts.

For a large proportion of people surveyed nothing could make them feel safe in their home. A third of those questioned stated they were forced to pack up their possessions and move home.

However, those that remained in a property spent £27bn on improvements to their security.

"While we have tried to put a figure on peace of mind, it seems that feeling safe in your own home is priceless," said company spokesman David Rimmer.

"We talk about our homes being our castles, but after a break-in the householder's relationship with their home changes, with many striving to regain the air of safety and normality."



PRICE OF FAILURE: DIY disasters at home can be expensive to put right, and you may need some additional household cover if you want to claim from an insurance policy

The hidden costs of men who tackle DIY

■ BY NICK AMES

NEW research has shown that contrary to popular belief men are not natural DIYers.

According to the study many dislike doing it, but feel pressured to try and redesign the bedroom, remodel the kitchen or rewire the hi-fi system.

More than a third said if they had the choice they would not carry out home improvements, but feel a sense of duty to do it after being put upon by their partners or family.

And the bad news for men – half of women believe DIY skills are desirable in a prospective partner.

More than 1,500 male homeowners were

questioned in the survey for Halifax Home Insurance.

The study found that in a bid to impress their partners many men may be planning to attempt ambitious and potentially dangerous home improvement projects involving building, gas or electrical works.

It revealed that a quarter of men have attempted electrical wiring at home, while almost a quarter of men have attempted to fit an entire new kitchen.

The survey warned that people who undertake large home improvement jobs themselves, without the proper qualifications or experience, risk invalidating their home insurance policies if things go wrong.

Martyn Foulds, a senior claims manager for Halifax Homes Insurance, said: "TV home makeover shows make it all appear so simple

and it's easy to forget that these are highly skilled professionals.

"In reality, trying to tackle certain areas you are not qualified for, such as electrics or plumbing, could invalidate your home insurance policy, leaving you liable for any subsequent damage.

"We'd recommend using a reputable tradesman rather than going it alone."

Accidental breakage to some parts of the home, for example sinks, baths, ceramic hobs and fixed glass in doors, is included in most buildings insurance policies.

But householders may need additional accidental damage insurance cover to protect against common DIY disasters that befall thousands of people, such as drilling through water pipes, spilling paint on carpets, or putting feet through ceilings.

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- Detached with a 90' rear garden!
- 2 Bedrooms, conservatory
- OSP...Chain Free!!



WHITSTABLE **£127,500**

WHITSTABLE OFFICE **FWP02265**

- 1 bed ground floor flat, parking
- Close to town centre
- Ideal first purchase



SOUTH TANKERTON **£265,000**

WHITSTABLE OFFICE **FWP02228**

- 3 Bedroom Detached House
- 3 Reception Rooms
- 97' Rear Garden



GREENHILL **£122,500**

HERNE BAY OFFICE **FHP02602**

- 2 Bedroom ground floor flat
- Own rear garden
- Access to local amenities



GREENHILL **£169,995**

HERNE BAY OFFICE **FHP02644**

- 3 Bedroom family semi
- Off street parking, large garden
- Some modernisation required



WHITSTABLE **£234,995**

WHITSTABLE OFFICE **FWP02240**

- 2 bed detached bungalow
- Private road
- Close to all amenities, no chain



WHITSTABLE **£249,995**

WHITSTABLE OFFICE **FWP02267**

- 4 bed town house
- Located in a mews
- Superb order throughout, no chain



WHITSTABLE **£114,995**

WHITSTABLE OFFICE **FWP02244**

- 1 bed 1st floor flat
- Close to town
- No stamp duty



BAY VIEW **£169,995**

HERNE BAY OFFICE **FHP02144**

- Two bedroom sea front apartment
- Luxury finish throughout
- Lift in block, Brand new!



HERNE BAY **£179,995**

HERNE BAY OFFICE **FHP02661**

- Completely re-furnished
- 2 double bedrooms
- CSP - Chain Free!!



WHITSTABLE **£187,500**

WHITSTABLE OFFICE **FWP02264**

- 3 bed semi-detached
- Good size garden
- Close to town centre



WHITSTABLE **£229,995**

WHITSTABLE OFFICE **FWP02258**

- 2 bed detached bungalow
- Garage & Off street parking
- Close to the town, must be seen



SWALECLIFFE **£119,995**

WHITSTABLE OFFICE **FWP02127**

- Purpose built GFF - rear garden
- Cracking First Time Buy
- No Chain Ahead

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£349,995

HERNE BAY OFFICE

FHP02542

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- 2 receptions, kitchen/breakfast room
- 2 en suites, generous accommodation



WHITSTABLE

£315,000

WHITSTABLE OFFICE

FWP02219

- Fantastic 4 bed family home
- Immaculate order throughout
- 64' x 36' rear garden



WHITSTABLE

£349,995

WHITSTABLE OFFICE

FWP02080

- 5 bed detached bungalow
- Semi - rural location
- Ample parking



HERNE BAY £199,995

HERNE BAY OFFICE FHP02659

- 3 bedroom semi-detached house
- Located in White Willows development
- Excellent condition throughout



HERNE BAY £237,000

HERNE BAY OFFICE FHP02638

- A real chocolate box!
- Delightful lovingly tended garden
- 2/3 beds, conservatory, fitted kitchen



SWALECLIFFE £169,995

WHITSTABLE OFFICE FWP02154

- 2 bedroom terraced house
- 59' rear garden
- Cul de sac position



WHITSTABLE £229,995

WHITSTABLE OFFICE FWP02091

- 3 bed semi detached
- 117' Rear Garden
- Close to town centre - NO CHAIN!



CHESTFIELD £249,995

WHITSTABLE OFFICE FWP02057

- 2 bed detached bungalow
- 93' rear garden
- Private road



HERNE BAY £210,000

HERNE BAY OFFICE FHP02550

- 3 bedroom semi detached home
- Fitted kitchen/diner, conservatory
- Central location for town & station



BROOMFIELD £269,995

HERNE BAY OFFICE FHP02620

- 4 Bedroom detached family home
- Master en suite, cloakroom
- Conservatory and garage



WHITSTABLE £179,995

WHITSTABLE OFFICE FWP02107

- 2 bed terraced cottage
- 55' rear garden
- Updating required



STUDD HILL £214,995

HERNE BAY OFFICE FHP02604

- 3 Bedroom detached bungalow
- Generous lounge and conservatory
- New central heating & kitchen



BROOMFIELD £295,000

HERNE BAY OFFICE FHP02429

- Exceptionally versatile generous size home
- Beautiful large rear garden
- 2 bathrooms, masses of parking



WHITSTABLE £184,995

WHITSTABLE OFFICE FWP02180

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Tankerton

- Large family home - No chain!
- 5 bedroom versatile accommodation
- Popular location

.....OIEO £365,000



Broomfield

- Fabulous Family Home
- 5 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom + 2 En-suites

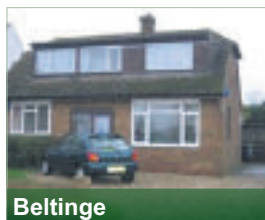
.....£350,000



Herne Bay

- Four bedroom detached house
- Herne Bay High catchment area
- Conservatory - No chain!

.....OIEO £299,995



Beltinge

- 100 metres from the Downs
- Flexible accommodation
- Attractive gardens

.....£299,995



Herne Bay

- Offers invited between £285,000 - £300,000
- 4 bedroom detached cottage style home
- Double garage, well maintained gardens

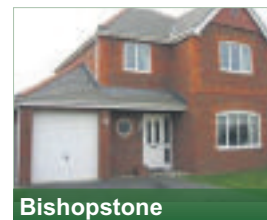
.....£285,000 - £300,000



Herne Bay

- Fantastic, spacious 3 bed accommodation
- Just a stones throw away from the seaford
- Larger than average garage

.....£284,995



Bishopstone

- Offers invited between £270,000 - £285,000
- 4 Bed Detached, development close to village
- Still under NHBC guarantee

OIRO £270,000 - £285,000



Broomfield

- 4 Bedrooms
- Versatile sun lounge extension
- Replacement double glazing

.....£269,995



Herne

- 4 bed detached house
- Extended ground floor accommodation
- Popular Herne location

.....£264,995



Herne Bay

- 3/4 bed detached chalet house
- En-suite shower room
- Close to train station/walking distance to town centre

.....£249,995



Beltinge

- No onward chain
- Excellent quality throughout in our opinion
- 2 bedrooms

.....£249,950



Herne

- Spacious family living
- Safe cul-de-sac location
- 4 Bedrooms, oak kitchen & fab bathroom!

.....£249,950



Greenhill

- 'Tardis' like chalet bungalow
- 4 bedrooms
- Herne Bay High catchment area

.....£235,000



Broomfield

- 3 bed detached family home
- Farmland views to the side of the property
- Double glazed conservatory to the rear

.....£220,000 - £240,000



Herne Bay

- 3 bed detached house
- Popular cul-de-sac location
- Walking distance to town and train station

.....£229,995



Staple

- Lovely 3 bed period cottage
- Semi rural setting
- Conservatory, off street parking

.....£225,000

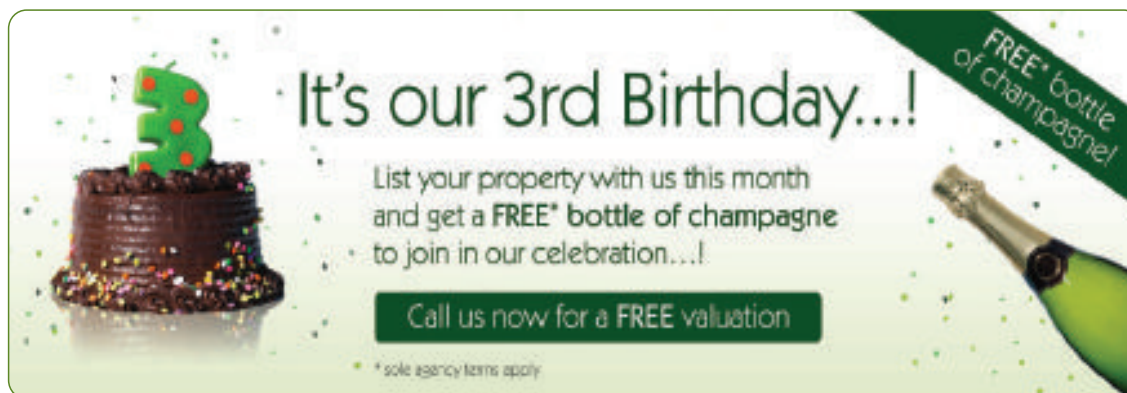


Herne Bay

- 3 bed semi detached house
- Situated on a corner plot
- Larger than average garage

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Beltinge

- Stamp duty and legal fees paid!
- 2 bed Chalet House
- Integral Garage

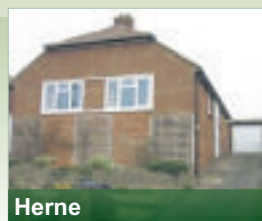
.....£220,000



Greenhill

- Excellent quality throughout
- 3 Bedrooms
- Poplar location - Detached garage

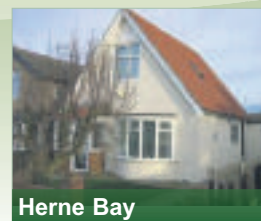
.....£215,000



Herne

- 2 bed detached bungalow
- 'L' shaped lounge/diner, Gge
- Vacant possession/No chain above

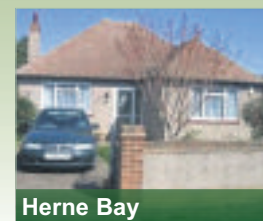
.....£214,995



Herne Bay

- Walking distance to shops and station
- Separate lounge & dining room
- 2 bedrooms

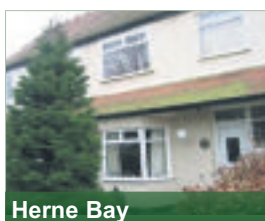
.....£209,950



Herne Bay

- Offers in excess of £200,000
- 2 Beds - Town Centre Location
- Close to Main Line Train Station

.....OIEO £200,000



Herne Bay

- 3 bed extended house
- Cottage feel internally
- Located in the outskirts of Herne Bay town centre

.....OIEO £199,995



Herne Bay

- 2 double bed semi detached bungalow
- Popular location off 'The Broadway'
- Double glazed conservatory

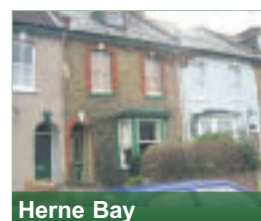
.....OIEO £199,995



Greenhill

- 2 bed extended detached bungalow
- Popular Greenhill location
- Approx. 70ft rear garden

.....£199,950



Herne Bay

- 4 Beds - Town centre location
- Bags of character
- Out building ideal for games room!

.....£193,000



Hampton

- Separate downstairs shower room
- Double glazed conservatory
- 3 beds & off street parking

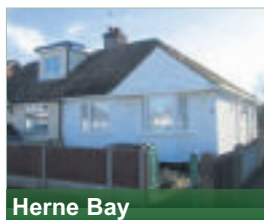
.....£189,950



Herne Bay

- Delightful character home
- 2 good sized bedrooms
- Convenient town centre location

.....OIRO £184,000



Herne Bay

- Large garden - Ideal for keen gardeners
- 2 Bedrooms South facing Garden
- Refurbished interior

.....OIEO £175,000



Beltinge

- 2 bed modern house
- Off street parking for 2 cars
- Popular Beltinge location

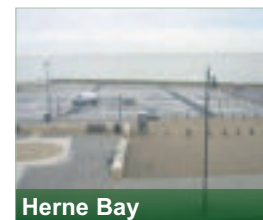
.....£169,995



Herne

- 2 bedroomed terraced house
- Popular Herne location
- No chain above

.....OIEO £159,995



Herne Bay

- 2 bedroom flat
- Direct sea views
- Allocated parking

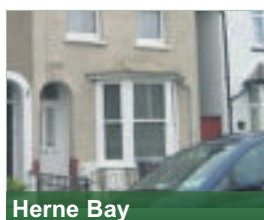
.....£132,500



Greenhill

- 1 Bed first floor flat
- Ideal first home or buy to let
- Viewing recommended

.....£109,995



Herne Bay

- 1 Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Town Centre Location
- Ideal First or Investment Property

.....£109,995



Western Esplanade

- Direct sea views
- Great for family fun
- Popular spot

.....£10,000



Beltinge

- Fabulous individual family home
- Exceptional 3 bedroom accommodation
- Close to seafront walks

.....£365,000



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- Kitchen with built-in oven
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- Three bedrooms
- Modern Lounge
- Light and bright dining room
- En-suite to master bedroom

CHARTHAM £700pcm



- One Bedroom Apartment
- Situated other Two Floors
- Open plan living room & Kitchen
- Kitchen with white goods

CANTERBURY £700pcm



- Two Bedrooms
- Large Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Newly fitted bathroom

WHITSTABLE £750pcm



- Two Double Bedrooms
- Large Lounge
- Newly fitted Kitchen Diner
- Family Bathroom

CANTERBURY £750pcm



- Two Double Bedrooms
- Built in wardrobes
- Light & bright Living/dining room
- Modern fitted Kitchen

CANTERBURY £795pcm



- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen with white goods
- Off street parking & garage

CANTERBURY £850pcm



- 3 well proportioned bedroom
- Large living room
- Modern Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory

CANTERBURY £895pcm



- Two Bedrooms
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Large lounge/kitchen/diner
- Kitchen with white Goods

CANTERBURY £995pcm



- Four Double Bedrooms
- Master Bedroom with en suite
- Study/play room
- Large Lounge/Diner

WHITSTABLE £1,500pcm



- Four Double Bedrooms
- Master Bedroom with En Suite
- Family Bathroom
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- Allocated parking

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- Downstairs cloakroom
- Garden and garage
- Viewing highly recommended

UPSTREET

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- 3 bedroom detached bungalow
- Separate lounge & dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Garage & off road parking

CANTERBURY

£169,995



- 2 bedroom detached period house
- Lounge with exposed brick fireplace
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Offered with no chain

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

CHARTHAM

£259,995



- 3 bedroom semi detached house
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- Utility room, study & bathroom
- Attractive gardens & parking

WINGHAM

£199,950



- 3 bedroom semi detached house
- Lounge/diner & kitchen
- Utility room and cloakroom
- Rear garden

CANTERBURY

£164,995



- Two bedroom bungalow
- Open plan kitchen/lounge
- Central heating
- Garden

CANTERBURY

£199,995



- Two bedroom garden apartment
- En suite to master bedroom
- Courtyard garden
- Allocated parking

CANTERBURY

£129,995



- One bed ground floor apartment
- Lounge, kitchen and bathroom
- Double glazing & central heating
- No onward chain

CHARTHAM

£250,000



- Three bedroom terraced house
- Inglenook fireplace & exposed beams
- Gardens to front & rear
- Allocated parking

OLD WIVES LEES

£269,995



- 4 bedroom semi detached house
- Lounge, kitchen & bathroom
- Utility & downstairs cloakroom
- Gardens & off road parking

HERSDEN

£164,995



- Two bedroom terraced house
- Fitted kitchen & lounge/diner
- Gardens to front & rear
- Allocated parking for two cars

CANTERBURY

£164,950



- One bedroom first floor apartment
- Situated in south Canterbury
- Stripped wood floors & period features
- Allocated parking - no chain

CANTERBURY

£290,000



- Renovation project
- 3 bedroom end of terrace property
- Three receptions
- City centre location

CANTERBURY

£435,000



- Four bedroom detached house
- Three reception rooms
- Front & rear gardens
- Driveway & double garage

CANTERBURY

£320,000



- 3 bedroom semi detached
- Lounge & dining room
- Outside brick built storage area
- Front & rear gardens

WESTBERE

£375,000



- Three bedroom detached house
- Lounge, dining room & sun room
- Bathroom, shower room & cloakroom
- Double garage & off road parking

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- Modern Terraced House • Two Bedrooms • Cul-de-Sac Position

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- Ground Floor Flat With Garden • Within Access Of Town And Seaford

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HERNE BAY



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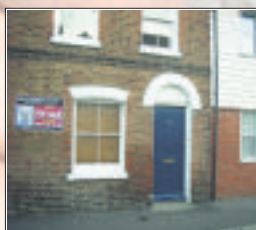
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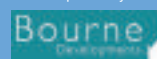


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MOTORS NEWS



Motorline's got a new Renault man on the job

MOTORLINE has appointed Paul Stapylton general manager for its Renault site at Vauxhall Industrial Estate, Canterbury.

Westgate man Paul, 28, who is new to Renault, but has more than ten years' experience in the motor trade, said: "There are several new (Renault) launches this year like the Koleos and the Laguna, all of which I'm sure will be well received by Renault customers."

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Dealer says 'Evolution' shows Lancer revolution

MITSUBISHI'S all-new Lancer is 'revolutionary', claims a Kent dealer.

Clay Roper, dealer principal of SMC Mitsubishi, Erith, says the saloon has sensational styling, keen pricing and the 'halo' effect of the sporty Evolution X variant: "The tenth generation of Mitsubishi Lancer has been priced into the heartland of the C segment even though it's bigger and better than its competitors. Sharper handling, better safety, crisp styling and cutting edge technology underline the new car's sporting credentials."



Annual kit show trades in classic dreams

FANCY a head-turner like this classic Austin-Healey for a fraction of the price?

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Apart from some 40 manufacturers, 50 trade stands, 30 kit car clubs, and over 400 privately owned kit cars on display, there is family entertainment and catering and parking is free.



ALL-NEW JEEP: Jeep's Chrysler Group parent claims the newcomer is one of the best-built cars it has ever produced, though interior quality is well below par for the sector

Jeep's own 4x4 rival to the family hatch

ROAD TEST

JEEP PATRIOT

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

JEEP has an all-new entry model in the finest 4x4 tradition of the brand and yet cheap enough to tempt would-be family hatchback buyers.

OK, the £15,995 lead-in price is for the 2.4 petrol version, so stomp up an extra grand for the entry level diesel, the 2.0CRD Sport tested here.

With a Volkswagen-sourced turbodiesel and slick six-speed manual gearbox, this model can be hustled brilliantly on-road and – as I proved at last year's launch event – tackle seriously tough terrain by using the fully-lockable 'Freedom Drive' 4x4 transmission.

It is not in the same league as Jeep's bigger kit, but not bad for a proper 4x4 selling for the price of a well-spec'd family hatch and capable of delivering a decent drive and a smooth ride.

It should also be long-lived; Jeep's Chrysler Group parent claims the newcomer is one of the best-built cars it has ever produced, though interior quality is well below par for the sector.

On the bright side though I can see that the materials used make it easier to remove the

chocolate and sticky sweets plus juice and wee stains that have disfigured our ageing Toyota RAV-4 'kiddie wagon'.

The layout is fairly practical too, with lots of stowage and cup holders and even a flip-up MP3 player slot in the armrest, conveniently situated for plugging into the centre console's 12v socket.

The seats are mounted high despite the Patriot's comparatively modest height for this class and also comfortable, with enough lateral support for yomping across the rough stuff.

However, the car is more 4.5-seater than full five-seater even if the utilitarian 4x4 estate styling delivers good rear legroom and headroom.

Boot space is also restricted by the extra transmission and underfloor spare, but folding the 60/30 split rear seats opens up lots of load carrying flexibility.

Yes, the Patriot is a pugnacious character, but it won't break the bank and while full-size 4x4 sales falter under the onslaught of tax, spiraling fuel prices and the heated 'green debate' it makes a convincing alternative – it looks the part while averaging 40mpg.



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JAGUAR X-TYPE



JAGUAR'S junior model is going through rehabilitation on the used market as people realise what a bargain it has become. Purists didn't like the fact that it is based on the previous front-wheel drive Mondeo platform, although Ford-owned Jaguar tried to deflect this by launching the 'X' with all-wheel drive. But critics had to acknowledge that the 'X' drives well in the Jag tradition while two smooth diesels and an elegant estate, have redeemed it with hard-nosed used car buyers.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

HONDA ACCORD



IS it a prestige badge or not? Honda constantly juggles that question, as well as the buying public. There is no doubting Honda quality, but the front-wheel drive Accord executive saloon struggles to deserve a mention alongside the classic rear-driven layout of the BMW 3-Series. Nevertheless, the Honda is beautifully made, offers a sporting drive and is unlikely to let you down en route to a top-level meeting. The so-called 'whispering diesel' option is also one of the best too.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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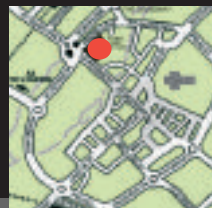


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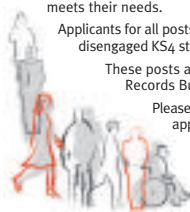
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Innovation centre is given Key to success

A DRIVE towards new technology in Kent has been boosted with the appointment of a marketing high-flier as co-ordinator for the Thames Innovation Centre.

Robert Key is to help develop technology companies as well as attract overseas companies that might be looking for a UK base for their European operations.

He said the centre, intended to be the heart of the future Thames Gateway technology sector, is much more than just a building.

Mr Key added: "Not only can we offer smart and well equipped office space, but the centre also offers a complete range of business support packages and access to finance that will enable new ventures to grow and flourish."

His previous jobs have included working with a private medical company and developing its clinic base nationwide, in addition to working within a marketing consultancy offering services to SMEs based in the South East.

Northern Rock still a charitable institution

GUARANTEED funding promises from the newly nationalised bank Northern Rock have enabled its charitable arm to state that it will almost double its budget.

The Northern Rock Foundation initially feared its projects would be ended by the well publicised collapse of the bank last year.

But Alastair Balls, the charity's chairman, has now been able to increase his grants budget for this year from £7 million to £11m, following pledges made during the nationalisation process which have recently been made public.

Until the end of last year, Northern Rock set aside five per cent of its profits each year to fund the foundation.

And the collapse of the bank prompted Mr Balls to cut the charity's grants budget for 2008 to just £7m.

However, provisions in the legislation paving the way for the nationalisation of Northern Rock commit it to funding the foundation to the tune of at least £15 million a year until 2010.

Why businesses 'must help' to cut waste mountain

■ BY NICK AMES

MAJOR companies should be asked to accept voluntarily their responsibility to cut waste, according to the Conservative Party.

Opposition MPs spoke out after high-profile campaigns in the media and among conservation groups to get rid of such things as plastic bags in supermarkets and cut packaging on foodstuffs and other perishables.

The party says existing EU rules are not wide-ranging enough and are "propping up our throwaway culture".

Former Tory MP for Tunbridge Wells – who was the boss of Asda – Archie Norman has been asked to look for ways of working with firms on a 'fundamental rethink' of tackling waste.

The Government has already given supermarkets a year to slash the use of plastic bags, threatening legislation if they do not.

The steering group on waste is part of a wider drive by the Conservatives to persuade businesses they have an important role to play in creating a better society – on issues from obesity to climate change.

Tory leader David Cameron said corporate social responsibility was "a really vital challenge for the future"

– but should not burden businesses and the economy with higher tax and regulation.

"We're not going to solve any of the big problems we face as a society, as a country or as a world, unless we have responsible business playing its part," he said.

"We're not going to make Britain a more family-friendly country, unless business plays its part in terms of helping families to have time together. We won't deal with childhood obesity, or teenage pregnancy, or any of the other childhood issues we're looking at, without business acting responsibly, without playing its part."

The Tories say the current approach to dealing with the 330 million tonnes of waste produced in the UK each year is "bureaucratic and sluggish".

Members say the EC Directive on packaging and waste has had limited success as it only covers a small amount of waste – such as electrical and electronic equipment, vehicles and batteries.

Meanwhile the effort to increase recycling is "driven by the threat of hefty fines" rather than a "fundamental rethink of how we look at waste".



TASK MASTER: Former Tory MP Archie Norman – and boss of supermarket chain Asda – has been asked to look at ways of tackling waste with businesses

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SAFE: Crusaders preserved their Division Two status with two games to spare

Crusaders end drop zone fears

BASKETBALL

Team Northumbria 51
Kent Crusaders 68

KENT Crusaders coach Mads Olesen is hoping his side will relax and put on a good performance for the home fans in the last game of the season after they guaranteed their Division Two survival last weekend.

A run of one win in seven games had seen the Crusaders slip close to the relegation zone, but a win in the north east combined with rivals NEWI Nets losing at Leicester was enough to ensure their safety two games early.

Olesen was delighted with his side's performance, which ranked among the best this season.

He told Yourcanterbury: "It was a great game, I think we played pretty

much the perfect defensive game.

"One of the reasons we have lost a few games is because of the fear of relegation – you need to conquer that fear to play well. If you have your backs against the wall you have nothing to lose and we were not timid."

With their Division Two status secure, Olesen will rotate his squad to blood some of the squad's fringe players as he begins to plan for next season.

He said: "We are going to play the youngsters more now, which is a nice luxury to have. We have not really played a lot of good games at home, we have more wins on the road so we are hoping to show the fans what we really can do."

A day after winning against Northumbria, Olesen shuffled his pack to give squad players such as Rob Dagger and Dan Garrad a run in the side as Crusaders went down 78-65 against Tees Valley Mohawks.

The final game of their season is against basement side University of Wolverhampton. Tip-off at the Body and Mind Leisure Centre is at 7.30pm on Saturday.

Survival is not in Canterbury's hands

CANTERBURY Hockey Club's men's firsts make the short trip to East Grinstead on Sunday needing to win to keep their faint survival hopes alive.

The team will be relegated from the Premier Division if they fail to win, but they must also rely on results going their way elsewhere.

They can only catch Hampstead & Westminster, who will send Canterbury down if they avoid defeat against Loughborough.

The club's ladies team have fared better this season and Simon Triggs' side still have a top half finish in their sights.

Their penultimate game takes them to play second-placed Bowdon Hightown Ladies.

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Gills defender Garry Richards gives his view on the club's relegation fears

Third place up for grabs for Vaughan

DANNY Vaughan takes his Canterbury RFC side to Cinderford this weekend for one of the toughest away trips of the season.

Hopes of a top two finish in National Three South faded long ago, but with three games remaining, Canterbury head a pack of sides jostling for third place.

Cinderford were comfortable 24-3 winners in the reverse fixture in the autumn and have a formidable home record this season. The Gloucestershire club have won ten out of 11 league games at home and must win to keep the pressure on leaders Mounts Bay.

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CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT are refusing to give up on having South African all-rounder Justin Kemp available for the start of the season after his application to play county cricket this summer was declined.

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) turned down Kemp's application because he has featured in the rebel Indian Cricket League – an event not sanctioned by the sport's governing body, the International Cricket Council.

Kemp was one of five players to have their registrations declined which includes former Kent all-rounder Andrew Hall, Johannes van der Wath (both Northamptonshire), Wavell Hinds (Derbyshire) and Hamish Marshall (Gloucestershire).

Despite the ECB's ruling, Kent chief executive Paul Millman has vowed to fight Kemp's cause and is still confident the powerful all-rounder will be available for the county's opening fixture against Nottinghamshire on April 16.

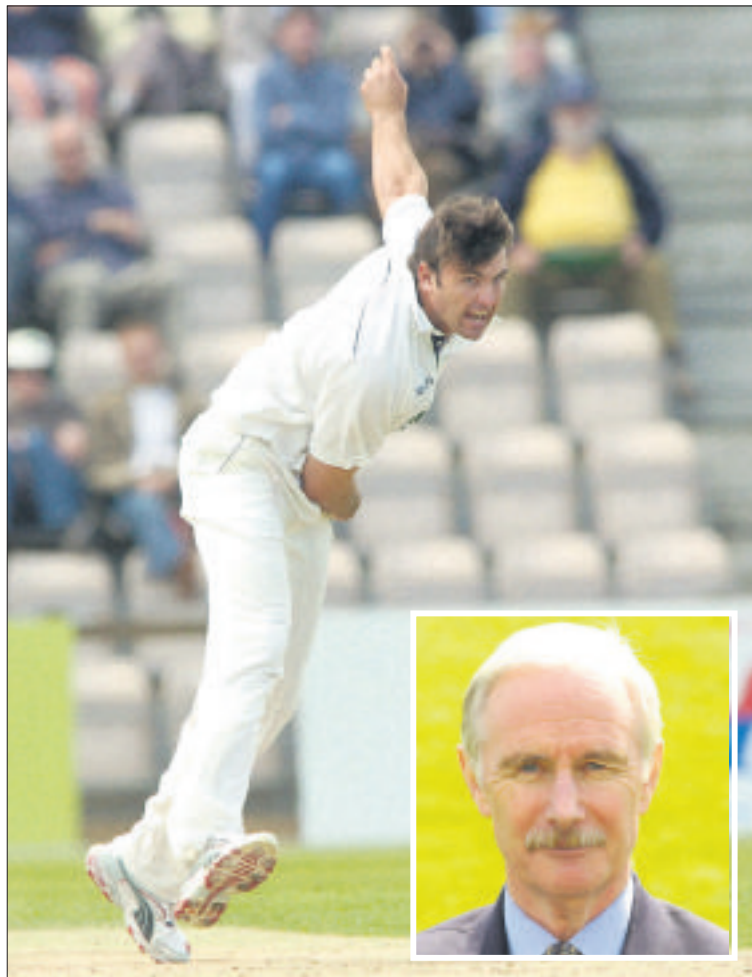
Millman said: "The first we knew was when the ECB issued a press release. Kemp's registration has been declined over a complicated rule book issue and that is what they are using, although it is because he has been playing in the ICL."

"We have taken a look at the situation and we believe there are exceptional circumstances. The ECB have given us the opportunity to make written representations and we will be doing that as soon as we can because we want him to be with us before the start of the season."

Kemp signed the South African on a Kolpak deal at the beginning of February – a month before the ECB announced amendments to its regulations which stipulated cricketers playing in 'unauthorised events' in the 12 months leading up to April 1 would be banned from playing county cricket.

Millman had expected Kemp's registration to be successful and indicated the county will not look for alternative options because the South African is the only man they want. The club are hopeful their appeal will be looked on favourably by the ECB, although court action has not been ruled out in the future.

Millman said: "We are still of the view that Justin committed to play for us at the end of the 2006 season as he made a decision to want to play for Kent. His contract was very much made at the time when the rules about the



Pictures: ADY KERRY

CONFIDENT: Paul Millman (inset) believes South African all-rounder Justin Kemp will still start the season with Kent

Indian Premier League and the ICL did not exist and those rules were very clear at the time."

Millman admitted it has been an unsettling time for everyone in cricket and is perhaps not the ideal start to a county season, especially as the club are backing Kemp and are staying

loyal to his contract.

There was some good news as the ECB accepted Azhar Mahmood's registration. Although he too played in the ICL, he played for Surrey last year which meant he met ECB requirements of not playing in another ICC country.

Boss wants Town to end season on a high

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Whitstable 2 Walton & Hersham 1

WHITSTABLE Town manager Marc Seager has challenged his team to end the season unbeaten after watching them beat Walton & Hersham.

Ian Pulman and Dave Cory added to their growing reputations by bagging a goal each in testing conditions at the Belmont.

A run of one defeat in the last five games has banished any lingering relegation fears and now Seager is looking to spur his team on to a mid-table finish.

He said: "In football you set yourself targets and originally ours was to get to 40 points. We are only one point away from that now with six games to play. Now I would like us to go unbeaten for the rest of the season and really end on a high with a bit of a flourish."

Whitstable's home form has been key to their post-Christmas revival and they have not tasted defeat in front of their home fans since early January.

Freezing temperatures and a strong wind made it difficult for either side to establish any rhythm.

The hosts took advantage of playing with the breeze in the first half and led at the break when Cory unselfishly squared to give Pulman an easy finish.

Whitstable had to dig in after half-time as Walton flooded forward, but they doubled their lead with a quick counter attack finished with aplomb by Cory.

Seager was unhappy with his side's lapse of concentration which allowed the visitors to score within a minute, setting up a tense finale.

Whitstable rode their luck as Walton & Hersham missed two clear chances to equalise, but the Oystermen almost made it 3-1 when Danny Wisker was felled in the box.



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ON TARGET: Ian Pulman made light of the testing conditions at the Belmont by scoring the opening goal in Saturday's win against Walton & Hersham

Cory stepped up, but saw his effort well saved by the goalkeeper.

Whitstable were in action against

Sittingbourne last night.

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BACK ON TRACK: Lydden Hill Circuit has a bright future ahead
Picture LYDDEN HILL CIRCUIT

Lydden Hill races towards bright future

AFTER a winter of uncertainty, the Lydden Hill circuit has a new lease of life and a bright future ahead for the home of British Rallycross.

The future of the circuit near Canterbury, which has hosted rallycross since 1965, was in doubt last October when the lease expired. However, the circuit was saved by the Doran family, who stepped in to purchase a five-year lease from track owners McLaren International.

Led by the former British Rallycross champion Pat Doran's daughter Amy, the circuit is now set for radical changes. A new entrance is planned and capacity is set to be increased to 25,000 with the construction of spectator-friendly grandstands.

Re-development

The re-development is hoped to attract more championships to host rounds at the Lydden circuit and in turn bring more spectators to the circuit.

Circuit owner Amy Doran told Yourcanterbury: "In the long run we do want to purchase the circuit at the end of the new lease. Our family have always been involved in the sport and this track is close to our hearts."

"We have done what the spectators have wanted - putting up grandstands and increasing the quality of the facilities. We hope that we can attract bigger events in the future like the European Rallycross Championship."

The former British Champion and fans favourite Pat Doran who has won on many occasions in front of bumper crowds at the circuit is glad the circuit has been saved. He also hopes that he will return to the top step of the podium in 2008.

He said: "In the winter it was a difficult time for this track. If we had lost the track then the fans would have lost the country's premier facility. This is why we had to step in and do something about it. This is where rallycross was born and in my opinion this is the best track in Europe."

On Easter Monday the track opened its doors first time this season with the start of the British Rallycross Championship. For a full report log on to www.yourcanterbury.co.uk.

City promoted at first time of asking

Picture JASON DODD



DELIGHT: Captain Dan Bonneywell scored as City clinched promotion against Pembury

ROYSTON Gough's strike 25 minutes from time gave Canterbury City the win they needed to clinch promotion just over a year since the club was reformed.

It was not a vintage performance from Dave Fairclough's side, but goals from top scorer Wayne Fittall and captain Danny Bonneywell set up the win against a determined Pembury.

A 17th win from their 20th league match was enough to ensure promotion, with the title certain to follow before the end of the season.

Fairclough said: "A year ago the club was reformed and to put a team together from nothing and to involve some of the best local players and to set the standards we have done I am delighted."

"It is a really exciting time, I have been involved in football management for 12 or 13 years and I think this is one of my biggest achievements."

Ever since winning their first league game 5-0 in September, City have been the best side in the

FOOTBALL

Canterbury City 3 Pembury 2

Kent County League Division Two East.

Although four league matches remain, the City boss has begun setting lofty targets for next season.

He said: "I believe in winning the title this year we have got to set our ambitions high and look to win the title again. We are aiming to move up through the leagues quickly so I don't think we can afford to settle for one promotion."

"We are already planning on how to do that next season. I think we already have a squad capable of challenging but there are a couple of areas we could improve."

The season could yet end in more silverware, with City hosting FC Quayside at Bridge Recreation Ground in the County Cup semi-finals. Kick-off is at 2.45pm on Saturday.

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Kent's Lydden Hill circuit gears up for the start of a new rallycross season

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